



STUDY GUIDE

May 23, 2021

Message Series:

It's Time

Message Title:

Why Am I Here?

Teaching Pastor:

Bryan Pope

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Get-to-know-you rapid-fire questions:

- What's your favorite carnival food?
- Climb a mountain or jump from a plane?
- If you were really hungry, would you eat a bug?
- What's the lamest "dessert" that people try to pass off as a dessert?

Pray:

Dear Lord, You designed us so uniquely and wonderfully and even call each of us a masterpiece. Help us to live into those truths. We ask for wisdom as we dig into Your Word to learn how You desire to shape us into the people you have created us to be. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Get Started:

Read Psalm 139:13-14.

- I know that God created me. What areas of self (i.e. personality, background, and/or physical aspect) am I struggling to accept?

Read Romans 11:36.

- Where in my daily routine can I become more aware of God's glory?

"Without God, life has no purpose, and without purpose, life has no meaning. Without meaning, life has no significance or hope." — Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here for?*

Read I Peter 2:1-10.

- Can you give examples of how, over the years, church has helped you fulfill your desire to grow spiritually?

Watch and Discuss Video:

"We are designed on purpose, with purpose, for a purpose." -Pastor Bryan Pope

- Have you attended Growth Track? If so, what stood out the most? What did you learn about yourself? If not, what is preventing you from participating?

Read Ephesians 2:10.

- What special gifts has God given you in this season?
- Is there anything that is holding you back from accepting God's call to serve him?

Phillipians 2:12-13.

- What does this verse mean to you?

Reflect and Commit:

Read Matthew 5:13-16.

- A year from now, how would you like to be more Christlike? What can you do today to move toward that goal?
- Be honest with yourself and others in answering this question: does my level of involvement in my church demonstrate that I love and am committed to God's family?
- What can our group do to serve our church family or to help fulfill the Great Commission?

"It's time *for you*. Some of you are here today and you are saying to yourself, I have this figured out, I know my purpose. And to you I want to say don't stop your discovery journey. It is your job to keep your mind open to your purpose because it evolves as you enter different times in your life. Don't get stuck. God may use your gift differently in this season than he has in the past. God may have a new assignment for you for the foreseeable future. Continue on in your discovery and allow God to guide your steps." -Pastor Bryan Pope

Pray:

Dear Lord, You call us holy and have given us a place in Your family forever. Help us to deeply believe that we belong and were created on purpose, with purpose and for a purpose. We depend on Your Spirit to guide us in our choices and for You to help us take our spiritual growth seriously, understanding the eternal implications. We are called to bring You glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.