Purpose#1 – Know and Love God

Romans 5:5, Deut 6:4, Matthew 22, Various Psalms
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 Why has God made you?

God created you to know and love **you.**

God created you to know and love **Him.**

What does knowing and loving God look like?

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of April 28, 2019

To prepare for your Growth Group discussion, take some time (about 20-30 minutes) to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in your relationship with the Lord and with others!

**Getting to know You**

1. Up to this point, what image or metaphor has best described your life? A race, a circus, something else?
2. What is your GO Trip participation this year? Are you going? Are you praying? Are you supporting? Or maybe all 3?

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1. Looking back at your sermon notes for the past week, what particularly caught your attention, was new, challenging, or confusing to you?

1. What do you think most people feel their purpose in life is?

1. Consider the detailed description of God creating each person and knowing them from Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18. What implications does this have for a person trying to discover their purpose in life.

1. In the book of Daniel, knowing God resulted in 3 characteristics: 1) great thoughts about God (2:20-23); 2) great boldness for God (3:12-16); and 3) great contentment in God (3:17-18). Based on these, how comfortable are you saying, “I know and love God?”

1. Discuss the difference between knowing about God and knowing God. For you personally, how have these been related to one another and different from one another?
2. J.I. Packer wrote that when a person doesn’t know and love God, *“everything becomes at once a problem and a bore because nothing seems worthwhile.”* What do you think about that?

1. Who is close to you that does not know or love God? How does the sermon and these questions help you pray for them?