

Weekend Resources

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Week Three - Barbie

Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

RECAP: Just as Barbie grapples with her purpose beyond being "perfect and pretty," we, too, struggle with understanding why we were created. We have all been created with a calling - an invitation to participate in God's plan to heal the world. How we respond is up to us.

MAIN POINTS

- Why do we long for purpose?
- What gets in the way?
- What should we do about it?

GETTING STARTED

- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up—and how close (or far!) did you end up?

SCRIPTURE

- [Jeremiah 1:4-5; Ephesians 2:10; Jeremiah 1:6-9; Jeremiah 1:11-13; Colossians 1:15-17](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever had a moment—like Barbie—when life didn't turn out the way you planned, and it made you question your purpose? How did you respond?
- Which of these obstacles—fear, expectations, or uncertainty—do you most relate to when it comes to following God's calling in your life, and how has it held you back?
- Which of the three ways of looking—up, beyond yourself, or for connection—feels most important for you right now as you think about your purpose, and why?

APPLICATION

- This week, what's one way you can "look up"—to refocus on who God says you are instead of what others expect of you? *(Example: setting aside time for prayer, limiting comparison on social media, reflecting on Scripture about your identity.)*
- Who is one person you could serve using something you're passionate about—and how might you take a step toward doing that this week? *(This helps put "looking beyond self" into action and moves purpose from theory to practice.)*
- Where do you already see God at work in your everyday life—and how could you join Him there with greater intentionality? *(Think about your relationships, routines, workplace, or community—connection often starts right where you are.)*

RESOURCES

- "We must **hold the Bible in one hand** and the newspaper in the other." - Karl Barth
- "When you **change the way you look at things**, the things you look at change." - Wayne Dyer