

# Tough Questions for God

## Why Do I Exist?

*It used to be one of the “why go to college?” questions: “Why am I here? What’s my purpose in life?” But we seem to ask that question earlier these days, which is probably a good thing with college enrollment plummeting. Today, many are looking around at their lives and asking, “Is this really all there is?” Go to work, come home, deal with the weekend, repeat. Is there really some big grand plan, or is that just smoke and mirrors? This week, we’ll take a look at what the Bible says about Why are we here?*

Ephesians 2:8–10

1. We exist to have a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (John 10:10)
2. We exist to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (Jeremiah 29:11–14)
3. We exist to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Ephesians 2:8–10)
4. We exist to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ so they too can have a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (John 15:1–12)

## Additional Notes

# Digging Deeper and Going Further

This week the sermon looked at four Bible passages in order to help us understand why we were created. These four are not a comprehensive list of scriptures on life's purpose. There are *many* other passages about what God has in mind for us throughout the Bible. We encourage you to spend regular time reading God's Word each the week (and daily is best!).

1. In John 10:10, Jesus says that he came so we could have an abundantly full life. In just a few words, what do *you* think that kind of life looks like?

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2. Read Ephesians 2:8–10. For what purpose does the writer say we were created? How does this purpose compare or contrast to your image of an abundantly full life?

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3. Read Jeremiah 29:11–14. These words were written to Jews who had been taken into captivity and forced to live in another land. According to this passage, what were the plans God had for these Jewish families?

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4. In Jeremiah 29:13–14, the Lord puts conditions on His plan for the Jews. What were the condition or conditions?

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5. Read John 15:1–12. A disciple is someone who is committed to closely following the teachings of Jesus. According to this passage, how will God know that someone is an actual disciple of Jesus?

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6. The fruit of an apple tree is an apple. The fruit of the womb is a child. What fruit do you think Jesus meant that his disciples should bear?

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7. Do you think *doing good works, seeking God with your whole heart, and bearing much fruit* would lead to an abundantly full life? Why or why not?

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