

Knowing God and His Divine Purpose For Your Life...
Up Close, Personal and Forever

I cannot overhype the seminar – because I am not talking about **you having only an “experience”, but a Life... IN... Christ.**

Expectations ... 1 **you will know God in a way you have never known Him**, 2 **you will live with Divine purpose**, and 3 **that part of you that was dull or deadened to God’s love and Presence will be awakened to life.**

Not one person has ever said that their time was wasted for having spent the time going through the seminars. When I was working with students at the University of London... I did not have to have to pay out “waste of time” fee to anyone.

I realize that for me to make these claims – **that you will know God, discover divine purpose, and enter into a life with God that will be a “before and after” experience for you** – you existed but now you are alive – would **border blasphemy** and in the least, would be a **serious lie**. I do not lie. To be truthful, the seminar is more than any set of words I might use to explain it, it has to be experienced.

The seminar is not **afraid to address big questions – like why are you here? And see that the very question is not just yours, but one God wants you to ask.** Right there you will **begin to see that you were created for more than just getting feeble**, then falling into a grave.

There is **something inside you, greater than thoughts, that senses** that there has to be something more than just **being here to eventually die**. Inside, you sense, **that to live, and then die and not know why you began to being with is absurd.** You are not **A dog**.

So why did you come into existence? I mean how did YOU, come into existence (I am not asking for a biology lecture, not a theory of evolution). I am not saying how, **I am saying why.**

Really why does anything exist? Nothing has to exist. There had to be some ultimate cause. / **I could also ask why are you alive,** I mean, why is your heart **beating right now-** why does anything live? Did you know science does not know the answer.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has come to both reveal God, reveal who you were made to be, and empower you that you might know God as not only your Creator, but the One who wants you to know Him as your Father.

Gospel of John (a disciple of Jesus) (John 1:11-13)

Jesus came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right (authority) to become children of God, **who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He [Jesus] **has made him known.** John 1:18 [Greek, “explained Him”]

You got to know this. There is nothing worth knowing if you do not know this.

“Why are you here?” I don’t know. “What’s the point of your life?” I don’t know ... but I have a job, a family, a house, ... and stuff. So that is the point?

Something fundamentally off, about that. It is like someone waking up in a cockpit, not knowing why he is there, and not knowing how to fly a plane, but noting that “The seat is comfortable... and stewardess saying, “Don’t worry, we will be serving something yummy for lunch).

And He has a **Real purpose for your life.** And **He Really loves you,** deeply, passionately, and desires **to give Himself to the full to each one** He has made.

The truth is you cannot figure out God, but you can know Him by revelation. Revelation is where God shows you something about Himself that you could not imagine on your own. You'd never ever come up with the idea.

Here is a revelation. The distance people feel, and really do experience from God is not God being aloof, but a disposition that says, "I want to be god, and want to live my own way, for my own purposes, based on what I know and how I feel.

The Bible calls that orientation, "sin", sin means, literally miss the mark. God has a way of seeing life, God actually is the author of life, and He wants us with Him, His way (the way that is rooted in Reality). That is how we were made. We were meant to know God, live with Him, and be like Him, but sin, scrambles up our soul and spirit, so much that we've gone stupid when it comes to God, and our purpose.

your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. Isaiah 59:2

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; (Isaiah 53:6)

For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:22-23 (ESV)

So this is why people don't know why they are here, or who they are – they have turned away, **thinking that is better than handing the reigns our life to the one who brought us into existence. "**

But to **not to turn to God would be to miss the point... miss the mark** regarding what life is supposed to be about. **But people cannot really live like that. Maybe they can fool themselves for a while,** but it always goes bad.

God gave us life. We exist, and we had nothing to do with it. So we try to make do, and shape our life on a life that does not know God, and think we can substitute for Him

But it is dangerous to live and not know why you are here, and how you are supposed to live. The plane goes down, you go unconscious, flames explode around the cockpit, its over. Unless we are rescued.

Jesus comes to rescue us, to forgive us for playing the part of God, to heal our scrambled soul, and unite us to God the way God intended for us. To share His glory – His Presence. For that to happen we've got to receive Him for who He is. Then we will find out who we are.

There is more to this, and we will go into it more next week. But it is important to know that Jesus's coming to save us, cost Him in ways no human being can ever imitate. He had to love us as only God could love, that love makes our love look pitifully small by comparison. A life that is meant to be eternal...

Eternal, not just for now. There is something divine in you, that was imparted to you, but sin can still make you stupid and put you in a comma, put you in eternal danger...

In closing I want to say a few things about what's ahead.

We will learn what it means to share in the glory of God, to experience the Presence of God in ways that can focus your life and Him, and what it means to live.

He will indeed reveal Himself in profound ways that can set a course that makes sense.

As a way of helping everyone ready themselves, we will be giving you a meditation booklet, called 10 minutes with purpose. If you cannot commit to 10 minutes a day, probably this means your are not in a place to take this seriously, its best to not fool yourself, or blame God for what is not going to be happening in the seminar. But if you do not wish to spend 10 min, I have to ask why? What else will you be doing with the 10 minutes that is more important than life or death – literally?

Practically this means a couple of things. **One, is that you take 10 minutes a day to read the meditation booklet for that week. It will help answer questions, as well as give you new questions to ask in your discussion group. Second, – the obvious – come each week.**

God has invited you – it is God reaching out to you, the One Who loves you, and wants you deeply know Him. Although the seminar is not asking a great deal of time, give your best to the limited amount of time that it is be asked of you, honor the invitation for God to show Himself...

Your time will be respected, honored, and never wasted.

Ten Minutes With Purpose, Vol. 1

Discussion Questions...___

Answer any of the questions that follow, all of them... or simply offer any other question that comes to mind that you would want to address...

- 1) Why did you decide to check out the *Life in Christ Seminar*?
- 2) What do you expect to be your experience as you go through the seminar?
- 3) How would you explain your relationship with God, if you have one?
- 4) What is it that you are looking for that you think the seminar may help you discovery?
- 5) What, if any, do you see to be your biggest obstacle going forward? How do you plan to hurdle that obstacle?
- 6) Any other question you may have ...?