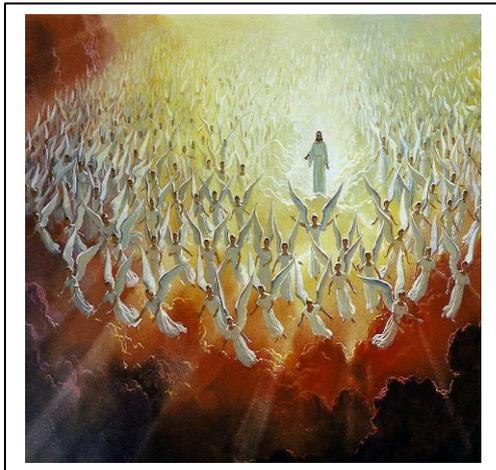


2. It is not about you, it is all about Him.



“The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfilment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It is far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God.” Rick Warren

Read Matthew 16: 24-26

These verses confirm the above quote (the 'Message' Bible translation is particularly helpful). Why do you think most of us find this passage particularly difficult?

Read Philippians 2: 6-11 & Colossians 1: 15-20

There is no mistaking the picture these two passages are painting. In Philippians we have the supreme sacrifice which fully deserves all glory, and in Colossians, Christ's supremacy and glory is the result of the loving sacrifice.

1a. Has God left us in the dark about how we will find the most fulfilling life? What help has he provided for the search?

1b. How well does God know us? (if you have time read Psalm 139: 1-16) What, if any, additional qualifications might Jesus need before being accepted as our 'Life Coach'?

1c. It is in a relationship with Jesus that we discover our purpose in life and our true value. Has anyone in the group an account to share about a life changed and re-purposed by meeting with Jesus?

1d. That Jesus deserves all glory is without question. Are there more ways that we can glorify Him than we do currently? As a church. As individual Christians.

1e. We all have responsibilities in day-to-day life; family, friends, work, society. Do you see any tension between 'surrendering your life to Jesus' and all these 'other' responsibilities? Does God care about these other things in your life?

1f. "What is the meaning of life?" What one sentence would your group collectively compose to answer this question?

Thought for the week: *"There is still One whose faith in you has never wavered. And how wonderful it is that that one should be Jesus Christ! It was a wonderful dream God dreamed, Christ says, when He created you; it was a stately being that was in His mind when you were fashioned; and I can make you all He meant that you should be."* A.J. Gossip

Prayer: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; this the Father's pleasure that we call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty word.