

# MARINERS CHURCH



## What On Earth Am I Here For? 6.27.2021

Live life, then, not as those who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Ephesians 5:15

### I'm here to love God back.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

### Loving God back is called WORSHIP.

"Those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." -Jesus, John 4:24

I don't want your sacrifices, I want your love! I don't want your offerings, I want you to know me! Hosea 6:6

### I'm here to be part of God's family.

God's unchanging plan from the very beginning of time has always been to adopt us to into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:5

Jesus has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people. Ephesians 2:13-20

### This is called FELLOWSHIP.

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28



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### I'm here to become like Jesus.

For God chose you to become like his Son. Romans 8:29 (NLT)

We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ. Ephesians 4:15

### Growing in my faith is called DISCIPLESHIP.

### I'm here to make a difference.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

### Actively serving God is called MINISTRY

**"God is preparing you for something He's already prepared you for." -Christine Caine**

### I am here to tell others about Jesus Christ.

### Telling others is called EVANGELISM

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." -Jesus (Matthew 28:19)

### Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

Do you think many people struggle to find God's purpose in life? Why or why not? What are the advantages of knowing God's purposes for you?

Look at the five purposes of why you're here. Read them and the verses and talk about what they mean.

Which one is most familiar and easy for you? Which one is most challenging? Explain.

How have you seen God "preparing you for something He's already prepared you for"?

Take time to pray together.

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org