Lesson 3-Why Did God Save Me?

You were planned for God’s pleasure. With your life, you can give Him glory and put a smile on His face. God wants your friendship and your partnership in what He’s doing on planet Earth.

Romans 11:36 Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by His power, and everything is for His glory.

Proverbs 16:4. The Lord has made everything for His own purposes.

Revelation 4:11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Isaiah 43:7 “. . everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Romans 12:1 Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. (Msg)

Psalm 147:11 The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Psalm 119:33 Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

Mark 14:36 “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Romans 6:13b. “Surrender your whole being to Him to be used for righteous purposes.”

James 4:8 Draw close to God and He will draw close to you.

John 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

1. According to Romans 11:36 and Proverbs 16:4, why did God save you?

2. When you read the phrase “His glory”, what do you think of? In your own words, define “His glory” and give some examples of how you see the glory of God in nature, and in His Son, Jesus Christ.

3. Read Revelation 4:11 and Isaiah 43:7 above. We cannot add anything to God’s glory, but we can reflect it. We are told in God’s Word to recognize and honor His glory, declare His glory, and live for His glory. As Christians, this should be our highest goal in life. Read in John 17:4 how Jesus brought glory to His Father, and then jot down some specific ways you can bring glory to God.

4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 and Romans 12:1 above. Give 3 or more specific examples of how you can do everyday things for the glory of God.

5. God wanted a relationship with you so much that He sacrificed His dearly beloved Son on the cross to pay for your sins, so you could be in Christ, clothed in His righteousness, and have a relationship with God. You are that important and valuable to God! He wants to be in a loving relationship with you for all eternity. Read Psalm 147:11, Hebrews 11:6 and Psalm 119:33 above. These verses mention four key aspects that are important to a healthy relationship with God. What are they?

6. Since God created us and knows us best, in what area(s) of your life do you need to trust Him more? Be specific. Would you like prayer for this?

7. Read Mark 14:36, Jesus’ prayer of complete trust and surrender to His Father’s will in the Garden of Gethsemane, just before his arrest and crucifixion. He was essentially saying, “Papa God - if it is in your best interest to remove this suffering, please do so, but if my suffering fulfills your purpose, then that’s what I want.” Also read Romans 6:13b above. Are you still arguing or struggling with God over his right to do with your life as he pleases? Are you holding back any areas of your life from God? Explain. (Please remember, anything of a personal nature that is shared in your small group is to remain strictly confidential. No gossip please!)

8. Read James 4:8 and John 15:15. God wants you to be close to Him. He is inviting you into a close friendship with Him. How does this make you feel? What are some ways you can strengthen your friendship with God?

9. Read John 15:8 above. Jesus is glorified when we bear much fruit, and this is how people know we are Christ’s followers. Do you think people know you’re a follower of Jesus, by looking at your life? What kind of fruit have you borne in the past? What kind of fruit would you like to bear in the future?

10. Jot down 3 or more declarations, based on these verses, that you can recite to yourself as a reminder of how God feels about you and who you are to Him.

11. Journal any of these verses SOAP style.