

Sunday 15th September 2024

40 Days: What On Earth Am I Here For? Week 1

Life's 3 Greatest Questions

1. Question of Existence: Why am I alive?

“Why was I ever born? My entire life has been filled with trouble, sorrow, and shame.”
Jeremiah 20:18 (NLT)

“The Lord has made everything for his own purposes” Proverbs 16:4 (NLT)

“Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.” Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

“Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.” Eph 1:4 (Msg)

God: I was created to be **loved by God**

2. Question of Significance: Does my life matter?

“But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose.” Isaiah 49:4a (NLT)

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous—how well I know it.” Psalm 139:13-14 (NLT)

“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalm 139:16 (NLT)

“He (God) has planted eternity in the human heart” Ecclesiastes 3:11

God: I was made to **last forever**

“For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.” 2 Corinthians 5:1

3. Question of Intention: What is my purpose?

“Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom.

Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.” Proverbs 9:10

God: I find my purpose by getting to **know God**

“He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see...Everything was created through him and for him.” Colossians 1:15b-16