

**Campus Church of Christ Jail Ministry**  
**Teacher's Guide**  
**Series 1: Lesson #2**  
**"What on Earth am I Here For?", part B**  
(from *The Purpose Driven Life*<sup>1</sup>)

(all **green** text is for the teacher)

**Preparation:**

1. Read the sections for Days 4-7 in *The Purpose Driven Life*.
2. Review the scripture references in the lesson and related passages in your Bible; there are too many to use in the class, so be selective.
3. Read through the teacher's version of the lesson; make notes / changes as desired.
4. Pick up the following from the Jail Ministry Table:
  - attendance/prayer request sheets
  - enough copies of lesson handout for the inmates in your pod (Remember, **don't** staple the pages.)
  - correspondence courses to give out to inmates who desire one
5. Other optional materials to bring:
  - White board marker and eraser
  - Sharpened pencils for inmates to use (be sure to collect all of them before they leave the room)

**Before and as students arrive:**

1. Welcome students and distribute student handouts
2. Make sure that any inmates who don't have a Bible know that they can fill out an inmate request form to get one that is provided to the jail by the church.
3. Pass the attendance roster / prayer request sheets around.
4. Always extend a greeting of encouragement and hope as inmates are arriving.
5. Open the class / lesson with a prayer.

**Focus points for this Lesson:**

(main points to emphasize through the lesson and to summarize in conclusion. If white board and marker are available, as you conclude and summarize each point, write it on the board.)

- Our lifetime on earth is only a moment of our lifetime in eternity.
- Life on earth is a dress rehearsal for eternity.
- My view of life determines how I will live my life.
- Life on earth is a test.
- Life on earth is a trust.
- Life on earth is a temporary assignment.
- It is all for Him!

# “What On Earth Am I Here For?”, part B

## Introduction

Whether we realize it or not, what we believe about the reason or reasons that we are here on this earth influences every decision that we make about how we live our lives and how we relate to other people and, of course, to God. If we believe that we were created by a loving God who has a reason for our existence, we will view life and the value of life very differently than someone who believes that we are here as the result of some cosmic accident that occurred millions of years ago.

On your lesson handout, you will see the Focus Points for part A of this lesson that we studied last week as a review if you were here and as background information if you were not here. In this lesson, we determined that without God, life would have no purpose. (Have students take turns reading the points and reviewing what they learned last week about these points.)

In this lesson, we will continue to examine the question, “What on earth am I here for?” from the point of view that God created us for His purpose and that He loves us and has a plan for us.

## (Day 4)

### **MADE TO LAST FOREVER**

Several thousand years ago, the great King Solomon pondered the questions about the meaning of life and whether or not “this is all there is.” The book of Ecclesiastes is an account of Solomon’s thoughts and conclusions about these deep questions. In chapter 3 verse 11, he says, “God has . . . planted eternity in the human heart.” (NLT) In other words, deep inside us, we all know that there is more to life than what we have here on this earth. We know that we are part of eternity.

**Key Point:** Our lifetime on earth is only a moment of our lifetime in eternity.

If we compare the few years that we will live on this earth to the expanse of eternity, it becomes quickly clear that a lifetime on earth, even of one hundred years, is only a blink. So then, why is it that we invest so much of our time and energy into all the things of this world instead of investing that same time and energy into the things that are going to last forever? (a rhetorical question, but you may wish to allow for responses)

**If our time on this earth is so short in comparison to eternity, what could be the point of it?** (responses and discussion)

**Key Point:** Life on earth is a “dress rehearsal” for all of eternity. It is our preparation time. “When you live in light of eternity, your values change. You make different decisions about relationships and how you use your money and your time. Your priorities are rearranged.” (p. 38)

**Does the way that you presently live your life reflect that you really understood and believed this?** (responses and discussion)

**If everyone on earth really understood and believed this, how would the world be different?** (responses and discussion)

While our physical bodies are perishable – we can see that with every passing year – we have been given an immortal soul that will live on after our bodies die. The day of your death will not be the end of your life, it will be your birthday into eternal life.” (p. 37) What sort of preparations are you making for your big day?

Sadly, those who choose to live without God while they are here on earth are also deciding to live without Him for all of eternity. (Refer to Matthew 25:31-46.)

On the other hand, for those who are making preparations for eternity with God, He is also preparing something wonderful for them.

### **1 Corinthians 2:9**

*<sup>9</sup>However, as it is written:*

*"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him"*

### **Verse to remember: I John 2:17**

<sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

**Question to consider: Since I was made to last forever, what is the one thing I should stop doing and the one thing I should start doing today?**  
(responses and discussion)

### **Additional scriptures**

#### **Hebrews 13:14 (New Living Translation)**

<sup>14</sup>For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our city in heaven, which is yet to come.

#### **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

<sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:1**

<sup>1</sup>Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

#### **Philippians 3:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

### **Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup>"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup>"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup>"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup>"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

<sup>44</sup>"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

<sup>45</sup>"He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

<sup>46</sup>"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

### **Psalms 33:11**

<sup>11</sup> But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

### **Ecclesiastes 7:2**

<sup>2</sup> It is better to go to a house of mourning  
than to go to a house of feasting,  
for death is the destiny of every man;  
the living should take this to heart.

### **2 Corinthians 5:6**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

## (Day 5)

### **SEEING LIFE FROM GOD'S VIEW**

"The way you see your life shapes your life. How you define life determines your destiny." (p. 41) Are you defining your life from an earthly perspective or are you defining your life from God's perspective? Are you nearsighted, only seeing the "here and now" or can you see into the distance, eternity, and make decisions based upon that broader perspective?

(On the board, point to and read the) **Key Point:** My view of life determines how I will live my life. (allow for discussion about the meaning and application of this statement)

You can find out a lot about a person by their answer to the question, "How do you see your life?" People often express this outwardly through such things as their choice of clothing, hairstyles, jewelry, cars, etc. They might even refer to their life metaphorically as Forest Gump did when he said, "Life is a box of chocolates; you never know what you are going to get." Others might refer to their life as a "circus", a "dance", or a "journey". **What metaphor would best describe your life? What image/s would best illustrate your life?** (responses and discussion)

In the Bible, God offers three different metaphors to teach us His views of life. The first metaphor illustrates the idea that **(Key Point)** "Life is a test." Over and over again in the Bible, we read stories and see examples of God testing people's character, faith, love, obedience, loyalty, etc. Sometimes, the people failed the tests such as Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Other times, people passed the most difficult tests such as Joseph, Job, Ruth, and Daniel.

Throughout our lives, we are constantly being tested. Some "tests" are so inconspicuous – for example, someone cutting in front of you in the checkout line – that we don't even think of them as tests or give much thought to our response; but God does. Other tests may be enormously overwhelming, and the worst ones are when God doesn't even seem to be there for us. In every case, big or small, He is using these tests to both reveal and to develop our character. When we understand this, even the smallest incidences and how we handle them become significant to us because we know they are significant to God.

God has given us some assurances about these tests.

#### **1 Corinthians 10:13 (The Message)**

<sup>13</sup>No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.

The second metaphor that God offers is **(Key Point)** "Life on earth is a trust."

God created, and therefore, He actually owns everything. However, He has placed some part of that creation in our care while we are here on earth. Some things He has entrusted to all of mankind such as the environment while other things He has blessed to individuals such as talents, abilities, time, energy, opportunities, relationships, money, etc.

Again, how we view life, in this case, our individual blessings, will determine the choices that we make regarding what we do with them. What the person does with them who sees them as gifts from God, should be quite different from what the person does with them who thinks he got lucky or he earned it, and therefore, it all belongs to him to do with as he pleases. **Compare and contrast these two perspectives in how an employee would handle such things as the way he uses his time on the job or the supplies and resources of the company.** (Allow for responses and discussion. Make sure to bring out the point that as Christians, we are called to live by a higher standard and discuss why.)

Money can be both a test and a trust and is probably the greatest challenge many Christians will face. "The more God gives us, the more responsible He expects us to be with it. If He can't trust us to be responsible with a few things, then He certainly can't expect us to be trustworthy with more."

**Verse to remember: Luke 16:10 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup>"Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."

**Point to ponder:** Life is a test and a trust.

**Questions to Consider: What has happened to me recently that I now realize was a test from God? What are the greatest matters God has entrusted to me?** (responses and discussion)

**Additional scriptures**

**Romans 12:2**

<sup>2</sup>Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**1 Corinthians 4:7**

<sup>7</sup>For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

**2 Chronicles 32:31**

<sup>31</sup> But when envoys were sent by the rulers of Babylon to ask him about the miraculous sign that had occurred in the land, God left him to test him and to know everything that was in his heart.

**James 1:12**

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

### **Psalm 24:1**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

### **Matthew 25:14-29**

## **(Day 6)**

### **LIFE IS A TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT**

The third metaphor that God has given us about life is that **(Key Point)** "Life on earth is a temporary assignment." The following metaphors are just a few that the Bible expresses to illustrate how brief our stay on this earth is:

- "a mist"
- "a breath"
- "a wisp of smoke"
- "transient as a shadow"

Because of all the distractions, problems, and demands in living our daily lives here on this earth, it is easy to forget that making a living and/or pursuing happiness is not what life is about and is not why we are here.

### **Verse to remember: 2 Corinthians 4:18**

<sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

### **1 Peter 2:11**

<sup>11</sup>Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

### **We must stay focused on what is truly important instead of all the other things in life that distract us, but how do we do that? (responses and discussion)**

Some people believe that material abundance is a measure of God's blessings and so that is what they pursue. This couldn't be further from the truth. There are many people in the world who are materially impoverished but spiritually rich while there are those who are materially rich but in spiritual poverty. The abundant life has nothing to do with the possession of material things, but rather with possession of spiritual things. "The abundant life has nothing to do with material abundance, and faithfulness to God does not guarantee success in a career or even in ministry". (p. 50) Material riches are not real in an eternal perspective and will only distract us from what truly matters if we are not very careful.

## **Matthew 16:26**

<sup>26</sup>What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

**Point to ponder:** This world is not my home.

**Question to consider:** How should the fact that life on earth is just a temporary assignment change the way I am living right now? (allow for responses and discussion)

## **Additional scriptures**

### **Job 8:9**

<sup>9</sup> for we were born only yesterday and know nothing, and our days on earth are but a shadow.

### **Psalm 39:4**

<sup>4</sup> "Show me, O LORD, my life's end  
and the number of my days;  
let me know how fleeting is my life.

### **Psalm 119:19**

<sup>19</sup> I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

### **1 Peter 1:17**

<sup>17</sup>Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

### **Philippians 3:19-20**

<sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

### **John 1:12**

<sup>12</sup>Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

### **2 Corinthians 5:20**

<sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

### **1 Corinthians 7:31**

<sup>31</sup>those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

### **John 16:33**

<sup>33</sup>"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

### **John 16:20**

<sup>20</sup>I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

### **John 15:18-19**

<sup>18</sup>"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup>If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

### **Hebrews 11:13, 16**

<sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

<sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

## **(Day 7)**

### **THE REASON FOR EVERYTHING**

**Key Point:** It is all for God.

In the last lesson, we discovered that finding our purpose on earth cannot be found in ourselves, but instead begins with God. **Can we, therefore, conclude that the purpose for our lives is FOR Him as well?** (responses and discussion)

### **Verse to remember: Romans 11:36**

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

"The ultimate goal of the universe is to show the glory of God. It is the reason for everything to exist, including us. God made it all for His glory, and without His glory, there would be nothing." (p. 53)

God's glory is the essence of His nature, His goodness and all of His other intrinsic and eternal qualities including His radiance and splendor and His power and might. It is who He is! God showed it to us directly in the person of Jesus Christ .

### **John 1:14 (CEV)**

<sup>14</sup>The Word became a human being and lived here with us.

We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father.

From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us.

There are only two things in the entire universe that do not bring glory to God – fallen angels (Satan and his demons), and fallen mankind. Sin is at the root of why these two things do not bring glory to God. “Refusing to bring glory to God is prideful rebellion which is the sin that caused Satan to fall and the sin that causes our fall, too.” (p. 55)

Living to bring glory to God is the greatest achievement in fulfilling our purpose that we can have, and God has provided a way for fallen man to bring glory to Him. Jesus glorified God by fulfilling His purpose here on earth and we too glorify Him by fulfilling our purpose through Jesus. What are some of the ways that we can glorify God? (p. 55-57)

- First of all, accepting the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins.
- Worshipping Him out of thanksgiving, love, and delight.
- Loving other believers.
- Becoming Christ-like.
- Using our God-given gifts to serve others.
- Telling others about Him.

Even Jesus had a choice about whether He would be obedient to God’s will and sacrifice Himself for sinful man. Jesus’ decision brought glory to God and redemption for mankind. Because of Jesus sacrifice, we have the privilege of being able to bring glory to God.

**Point to ponder:** It’s all for Him.

**Question to consider: Where in my daily routine can I become more aware of and responsive to God’s glory?** (responses and discussion)

### **Additional scriptures**

#### **Psalm 19:1**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

#### **Ephesians 2:21-22**

<sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

#### **2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made us understand that this light is the brightness of the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But this precious treasure--this light and power that now shine within us--is held in perishable containers, that is, in our weak bodies.<sup>[a]</sup> So everyone can see that our glorious power is from God and is not our own.

#### **Exodus 24:17**

<sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

### **Exodus 40:34**

<sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

### **Isaiah 6:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:  
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

### **Revelations 21:23**

<sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

### **Hebrews 1:3**

<sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

### **2 Corinthians 4:6**

<sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

### **John 1:14**

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,<sup>[a]</sup> who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **1 Chronicles 16:24**

<sup>24</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

### **2 Corinthians 3:18**

<sup>18</sup>And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect<sup>[a]</sup> the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

### **Revelation 4:11**

<sup>11</sup>"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."

### **Romans 3:23**

<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

### **Isaiah 43:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'  
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth-  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

### **John 17:4**

<sup>4</sup>I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

### **1 John 3:14**

<sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

### **Romans 15:7**

<sup>7</sup>Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

### **John 13:34-35**

<sup>34</sup>"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### **2 Corinthians 3:18**

<sup>18</sup>And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect<sup>[a]</sup> the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

### **Philippians 1:11**

<sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

### **John 15:8**

<sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

### **1 Peter 4:10-11**

<sup>10</sup>Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup>If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### **John 12:27-28**

<sup>27</sup>"Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name!"

### **John 12:25**

<sup>25</sup>The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

### **2 Peter 1:3**

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

### **John 1:12**

<sup>12</sup>Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

### **John 3:36**

<sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

## **Conclusion**

In the big picture of eternity, our time on earth is very brief. We have only a few years to do whatever it is we are going to do with our lives. God has given us this time on earth as preparation for eternity. It is a test, a trust, and definitely a temporary assignment. How we view life and our purpose for being here will determine the choices we make about how we use the minutes, days, and years of our time on earth and how we handle the challenges and decisions of living this life.

If we believe that our lives began by the will of the Sovereign Lord of the universe who created us in love with a plan and purpose before we were ever born, clearly then, the only way we can ever truly understand that purpose is to look to Him for the answers. The Bible is our direct source for this information, and there we learn that we and all of creation were created for the purpose of bringing glory to God.

Even Christ understood this purpose as He willingly submitted Himself to God's will by coming to earth as a human being, subjecting Himself to the cruelty of those He created and even died to redeem us so we can spend all of eternity in heaven if we choose to accept His gift.

**John 3:16** (paraphrase)

For God so love (fill in your name), that He gave His one and only begotten Son that if I believe on Him, I will not perish but have everlasting life.

The choice is yours. Will you choose life as God purposed it for you?  
(rhetorical question; no responses)

**Closing the lesson / class:**

Close the lesson with a **prayer**

Offer the booklet, **"Am I Saved?"** to any who may want a copy.

Offer **correspondence course packets** to those who desire them.

Let inmates know that **if they desire to be baptized**, they should fill out an inmate request form on which they should indicate that they wish to be baptized by someone from Snellville Church of Christ. Invite them if there is time to stay and talk with you about this after the others leave.

If time permits, teach the song. Read the words together first and make sure the meaning is clear. Sing the first verse for them to hear the tune (or play a recording if available – bring a boom box), then sing together.

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**References:**

<sup>1</sup>Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Life*, Section 1. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.

All scripture references are from <http://www.biblegateway.com/>  
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**Song Lyrics:**

**My Task**

To love someone more dearly ev'ry day,  
To help a wand'ring child to find his way,  
To ponder o'er a noble tho't and pray,  
And smile when evening falls,  
And smile when evening falls,  
This is my task.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,  
To do my best from dawn of day till night,  
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,  
And answer when He calls,  
And answer when He calls,  
This is my task.

And then my Savior by and by to meet,  
When faith hath made her task on earth complete,  
And lay my homage<sup>1</sup> at the Master's feet,  
Within the jasper<sup>2</sup> walls,  
Within the jasper walls,  
This crowns my task.

1 Special honor or respect shown or expressed publicly  
2 an opaque form of quartz; red or yellow or brown or dark green in color; used for ornamentation or as a gemstone