

Who Are We? 4 Leader's Guide

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1. What does it mean that we have a God-given destiny? (God has good plans for our lives, a good future.)
2. What does it mean that we are "God's masterpiece"? (A masterpiece is the best work an artist did. We are unique, special, one-of-a-kind. Each one has a special personality and gifts.)
3. How does it feel to know that God planned your life before you were one day old. (It can feel comforting to some. Some may not like the idea. Emphasize that we have free will and are free to follow his plan or not.)
4. Why don't many people fulfill their destiny? (We can fight God's plan. Free will.)
5. Give an example of someone in the Bible who fought God's will. (Jonah. He went west when God told him to go east!)
6. Does God give second chances? (YES! God disciplined Jonah for disobeying. After he prayed, God called him again. The second time he obeyed.)
7. What is a "holy calling"? (Calling= destiny. Holy = treasure, valuable, something we need to respect. It's a special responsibility or job no one else can carry out.)
8. How did God first reveal Joseph's destiny to him? (Through dreams.)
9. Is the path to destiny usually easy? (NO! It's bumpy. You can't QUIT. You will be tested like Joseph. It may require courage.)
10. What are some reasons people don't fulfill their destiny? (Quitting. Staying bitter, not forgiving. Becoming fearful or discouraged. Sin. If Joseph had had sex with his boss's wife, he might have missed out. Not trusting God.)
11. How did God give Joseph practice for his destiny? (Practiced for being in charge of a NATION by running Potiphar's home and being a leader in the prison.)
12. Do you know what your destiny is? How are you struggling to follow God's plans for you? (Answers will vary. Pray that God will give people a vision for their lives. People may be struggling with discouragement, unforgiveness, fear, impatience, etc.)

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People with a Destiny

1. Jeremiah 29:10-11 Who Is God?

- Sent Jewish people into Babylon for 70 years for worshiping idols (25:7-11)
- Disciplines
- Will keep his promise, bring Israel back to Jerusalem v.10
- Restores!
- Has GOOD plans. Kind.
- Wants my welfare, prosperity, peace
- His plans are not evil. Doesn't want to hurt me, bring disaster.
- He plans to give a good future full of hope.

Who Is Man?

- Idolatrous, does evil
- Disciplined by God
- Have a good destiny planned by God

So What?

- Do I know that God's plans are good, not evil, even when I mess up?
- Do I trust God to give me a good future?

2. Psalm 139:15-6 Who Is God?

- Sees everything!
- Watched me as I was being formed v.15
- Created me. Wove me together secretly v.15
- Saw me in womb before I was born v.16
- Wrote every day of my life in his book before I was born

- Had a plan for who I would be v.16
- Planned a destiny for me before I was born

Who Is Man?

- Was made in secret v.15
- I have a destiny planned before I was born v.16

So What?

- Do I know what God's plan is for my life?
- Will I step into my destiny?

3. Ephesians 2:10 Who Is God?

- Artist. Poet.
- Planned our destiny before we were born TPT
- Planned, prepared, pre-arranged good works for us to do AMP
- WANTS us to do good works!
- Set a path, made it ready for me

Who Is Man?

- God's work of art. Masterpiece, workmanship, handiwork. (AMP, NLT)
- God's poetry. (TPT)
- Created anew in Christ Jesus. Born again. New people.
- Created to do good works NIV
- Can do the good things God planned for us NLT
- Can fulfill the destiny God gives each of us if we are believers TPT

So What?

- Do I know that God sees me as special, as a masterpiece?
- Do I know that I have the power to do good works if I believe?
- Am I doing the good works God prepared for me to do?

4. 2 Timothy 1:9 Who Is God?

- Saved us, delivered us AMP
- Called us with a holy calling AMP
- Had a plan from the beginning of time
- Kind to people who don't deserve it
- Shows us grace, kindness, and favor through Jesus
- Has a purpose in our destiny

Who Is Man?

- Have a calling or destiny
- Our destiny is "holy", valuable, a treasure
- Didn't do any good to deserve our destiny
- Receive our destiny, favor when we believe in JC

So What?

- Do I value my destiny?
- Do I know my life purpose?
- Am I fighting my destiny or am I co-operating with God to fulfill it?