

Aha Moments

What's The Meaning of Life?

1) Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

a. God's original purpose for humanity was to find meaning in ruling the earth under His authority. How did man lose that authority and did we get it back?

2) Matthew 6:31 – 33

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

a. A primary purpose for us is to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. What does that mean?

3) 1John 4:11, 14 – 16

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

a. God created us as His dwelling place on earth. How does knowing this help us find meaning and purpose in life?

b. How do we find the ability to love others?

4) John 17:20 – 26

²⁰ “I (Jesus) do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

²⁴ “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶ And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

a. This is Jesus’ last prayer before His trial and execution; therefore He is praying for the ultimate purpose for His disciples to be fulfilled. This is what Jesus wanted most for us and is the place where the greatest meaning for us is found. Why is it important to know God’s primary purpose for our lives?

b. Jesus began His prayer in John 17 interceding for His disciples. Who is He praying for starting in verse 20?

c. How are we to believe in Jesus?

d. What does it mean to be one?

e. How will the world know that God the Father sent God the Son?

f. When people look at believers in Jesus, what should they see?

g. Does God love us as much as He loves Jesus?

h. What does it mean to be where Jesus is, and can we find meaning in life through beholding Jesus’ glory? Do we have to wait until we die?

i. What has Jesus declared to us about the Father, and what does that mean for us?

j. When Jesus declares God the Father's name to us, what do we receive?

k. When we know that we are loved with the same love that God the Father loves Jesus and that Jesus lives in us, do we find more meaning in life?