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Men's Bible Study Outline
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G-Men Their Purpose

Have you ever wondered, "Why am I here?" Have you ever pondered life's most important question: "What on earth am I here for?"

"You are not an accident. Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, and planned you for his purposes."

Rick Warren – *The Purpose Driven Life*

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-9 - Msg

1. G-Men have been **saved** for a purpose.
2. G-Men have been **called** for a purpose.
3. G-Men have been **predestined** for a purpose.
4. G-Men require **grace** to fulfill their purpose.

How do I find my purpose?

It starts with God.

"You were made by God for God – and until you understand that, life will never make sense."

Rick Warren – *The Purpose Driven Life*

We can turn to what God has revealed about life in his Word. The easiest way to discover the purpose of an invention is to ask the creator of it. The same is true for discovering your life's purpose: Ask God.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:7 - Msg

God is not just the start point of your life; he is the source of it. To discover your purpose in life you must turn to the Word of God, not the world 's wisdom.

Read Ephesians 1:11

1. You discover your identity and purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. God was thinking of you long before you ever thought about him. His purpose for your life predates your conception. He planned it before you existed, *without your imput!* You may choose your career, your spouse, your hobbies, and many other parts of life, but you don't get to choose your purpose.

Points to Ponder

It's not about me.

Verse to Remember: **"Everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him."** Colossians 1:16b – **Msg**

In spite of all the advertising around me, how can I remind myself that life is really about living for God, not myself?

Notes
