



# ASBURY SERMON NOTES

AT THE MOVIES

Week 1 July 7, 2024  
 "The Barbie Movie"  
 Genesis 1:26-31, 3:6-7; Luke 4:18-19;  
 Ephesians 2:10



**I. Introduction**

- A. The Barbie Movie grossed \$1.446 \_\_\_\_\_ and achieved several milestones, including the highest-grossing film of 2023.
- B. Barbie Land is an analog for the Garden of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. In both Genesis and Barbie, a prototypical woman reaches for forbidden \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. The Real World**

- A. Christians should advocate for gender \_\_\_\_\_, because we know that God created male and female in His image and we are all equal in the sight of God.
- B. Being able to see and listen and give value to others, that the world doesn't value, is what we are called to do as \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. What Was I Made For?**

- A. Our purpose can only be from \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. If you really want to understand your purpose, we must do what Barbie did and have a discussion with our \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We find meaning and \_\_\_\_\_ in life when we serve and love others like Jesus loved us.
- D. We know that death is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the story; Christ has defeated death and it has lost its sting.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *July 8-13, 2024*

## INTRODUCTION

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. So where does this movie point to scripture?

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### Monday: Genesis 1

God's creation was called very good and the first two humans were placed in the middle of paradise where everything was perfect. In the sermon Pastor Eric said "Barbie Land is an analog for the Garden of Eden." What similarities do you see? Do you believe God will restore paradise one day?

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### Tuesday: Genesis 3

The Barbie movie is a retelling of The Fall in Chapter 3 of Genesis. What similarities do you see between Chapter 3 in Genesis and Barbie going into the "real world?" Do you believe that Adam and Eve's story is our story as well? How?

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### Wednesday: Genesis 1:27; Galatians 3:28; Luke 4:18-19

It is clear in scripture that men and women are equals in the sight of God. Do you think there is still inequality in our culture for women? If so, what are some examples of women not being treated the same as men in our culture? How should Christians respond to inequality?

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### Thursday: Psalm 139:13-16; Ephesians 2:10, Jeremiah 29:11

Throughout the Barbie movie, Ken and Barbie are in search of their purpose in life. For Christians, we know that our purpose cannot be found apart from God. God has created us and has a purpose for our lives. What would you say is your purpose in life?

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### Friday: John 11:17-27

In the Barbie Movie, Barbie's creator says "Humans only have one ending. Ideas live forever." For Christians, the idea that "humans only have one ending" is true in the sense that we will all die one day. Ultimately, though, we know that death is not the end of the story. Christ has defeated death and it has lost its sting. Do you have a fear of death? What gives you hope in the face of death?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Barbie Land is an analog for the Garden of Eden. And just like Adam and Eve, the Barbies live in a perfect world until forbidden knowledge becomes known. And unlike the perfect world in Barbie Land, the real world is not perfect. The real world is filled with deceitfulness, resentment, corporate greed and sexism among other ills. And just like humankind, Barbie and Ken must search for their purpose in an imperfect world. And, just like Barbie, we cannot really understand our purpose until we speak with our creator, because our purpose in life cannot be found without God. God is our creator and has a plan for each of us. So... what is your purpose in life?

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) billion, B) Eden, C) knowledge. IIA) equality, B) Christians. IIIA) God, B) creator, C) purpose, D) end.*