



SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

August 24, 2025
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OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, thankful for the gift of this time together. Lord, You have called each of us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world, and today we gather to learn more about serving You through serving others. We ask that Your Spirit guide our conversation, inspire our hearts, and open our eyes to the unique ways You’ve equipped each of us to contribute to the work of Your Church. May our time together draw us closer to You and to one another, and may it stir within us a deeper desire to serve with humility, joy, and love. Bless this study, Lord, and let everything we discuss bring honor to Your name and strengthen Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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INTRODUCTION

It's that time of year when summer is coming to an end, vacations are over, kids and teachers are headed back to school, and everyone is back to a normal routine. In addition to getting back into your post-summer routine, there is a question Pastor Eric asked us to consider over the next few weeks. That question is: "what was I made for?"

Just as the apostle Paul wrote to the Jesus followers in Ephesus, you were made for something more than yourself. You are God's workmanship, and you've got something to offer God's Kingdom. When you are not doing what you were made for something is off.

QUESTIONS

1. When you were growing up, how did you feel at this time of year (when you had to go back to school)?
2. Is there something you've done in the past year that felt meaningful and purposeful? If so, what was it?
3. Outside of family, what environment has been most instrumental in your faith journey? Chances are there was a "who" or two in that environment who facilitated your journey. Why was that relationship so instrumental?
4. Read Ephesians 2:8–10 (on page 1). Paul reminded the Christians in Ephesus that they were "created in Christ Jesus to do good works." What do you think he meant by "good works"? How do you see the connection between God's grace (Ephesians 2:8–9) and the good works we are called to do (Ephesians 2:10)?
5. Would you say you've found your place or assignment in the advancement of the kingdom of God? If not, are you open to exploring?

FINAL APPLICATION

This week in prayer, ask God what you were made for. Then be open to what the answer might be.