

2023 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
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 2. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
 3. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

"[God] created my inmost being; [He] knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise [Him] because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; [His] works are wonderful, I know that full well". (Psalm 139:13-14)

1. Discuss the following two pillars of contemporary culture and how they interplay with being led by Jesus:
 - a. there is no intention and purpose in our existence
 - b. all we have around us is the result of random chance
2. Discuss the following quote and its implications: *"to affirm our randomly generated existence, we must affirm that we only become that which we set out to become"*.
3. How does the understanding that we were created with intention and purpose change the way we view the direction/productivity of one's life?

**Discussion Questions Set #2**

"God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Genesis 1:26-28)

1. What do you think of the idea that rather than being created to lead, humanity was created to be led by God? Do you agree? What facets of this understanding might be difficult for some?
2. Why do you think such an understanding might be culturally "distasteful"? (Consider our extreme self-determinative bend.)
3. Discuss the following purposes of humanity:
 - a. Representation (Humanity was intentionally and purposefully designed to be sent into creation **"in [God's] image, in [His] likeness"** to serve as representatives of God in creation.)
 - b. Stewardship (Humanity was made managers of that which belongs to God, and we are under His constant authority as we administer His affairs in creation.)

Discussion Questions Set #3

"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

1. In sermon, the imagery of a tool bench was used to propose the idea that just as each tool was uniquely created for a specific purpose, so too are we created in a similar fashion for God's use. How does such an understanding make you feel?
2. Discuss the following quote: *"true satisfaction with ourselves will not come until we come to know ourselves as intentionally, purposefully and lovingly created by God"*.

