

Does My Life Have Meaning?

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The Secret Battle of Ideas about God

I. Identifying the lies counterfeit worldviews tell about meaning

Secularism - Every problem is a _____ problem.

Secularism solution - Put the _____ in charge.

Marxism - _____ forces are keeping you from living meaningful lives.

Marxism solution - _____ the forces keeping you down.

New Spirituality - We think we are _____.

New Spirituality - Give up your _____ identity.

Islam - We are failing to obey and _____ to Allah

Islam solution - Through _____, master your rebelliousness and submit to Allah.

Postmodernism - _____ experience is our only true source of meaning.

Postmodern solution - Meaning is an _____.

II. The Christian worldview: I have an incredible _____. My life had meaning. I bear God's image.

καλέω (kaleō) is the Christian response to _____.

καλέω (kaleō) - call, to summon, to give a _____

(ā·bād) עָבַד - work, _____, worship

Through _____, we can regain the purpose we lost in the fall.

1. Calling secures our _____.
2. Calling wards off _____ viruses.
3. Calling makes every area of our lives _____.

How to hear the call of God on your life

1. Tune into God's revelation in _____.

2. Start discovering your _____ design.
3. Rethink the value of _____.
4. Find activities that create “_____”.
5. _____ God’s word and pray.

Discussion Questions

1. When we use the term “meaning of life” what are we talking about?
2. What are some places people turn to to try to find meaning in life?
3. What are some problem with just letting “experts” be in control of things?
4. Why is believing in objective standards of truth important?
5. Read [Matthew 28:18](#). How does understanding Jesus’ authority change how we live and view God’s calling?
6. What are some practical ways we acknowledge Jesus’ authority in our lives?
7. How can the idea of having a “calling” change the way you view work?