

SESSION 1

PURPOSE IN  
EVERYTHING

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 PRAY

We suggest you start with this simple prayer.

*Heavenly Father, we pray for our time together now. Would you help us see what purpose means in our lives. Amen.*

 READ

Read Jeremiah 29:4–9 and Jeremiah 30:18–22

 WATCH

Watch the session 1 video, available from the *On Purpose* webpage [Link below](#) ....

 DISCUSS

1. Jeremiah instructs the exiles to work for the peace and prosperity of the place they find themselves. This is translated from the Hebrew word 'shalom'. Looking at a definition of shalom (Google is there if you need), how is the concept of shalom different to the world's idea of peace and prosperity?
2. If your 'city' did prosper (think your workplace, family, friends – or wherever), how do you think you would prosper too?
3. What are some examples of things that seek to draw your attention away from what you might consider to be your God-given purpose?
4. Read Matthew 28:16–20. Can you see a connection between Jesus' words and God's promises of restoration? How might there be a link?

5. What about your day today felt like you were creating? What felt like restoration work? Nothing is too big or too small.

 PRAY

You'll need someone to lead this.

In this series, we want to pray at the end of each session in a particular way. God hears our prayers whether or not we form them into eloquent sentences that we say aloud.

So we want to invite you to pray by imagining a person or a situation. What you imagine can be related to you or someone else. Start by imagining the situation as it is at the moment. Then, slowly, start to imagine the situation changing into what you hope (or pray) it would be instead. Trust that as you do it, God is hearing your prayer.

Think about faces, expressions, activities.

For this week, think about either yourself or someone who is running low on a sense of purpose. Picture them doing whatever it is they do at present, and then let your prayer change the feelings, attitudes, or activities you're imagining.

To close, say together: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UkDauPBQa8>