



Come Matter Here: Double The Pay | September 16, 2020

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

As we seek to discover meaning in this life, it can be so difficult to pin down. Gaining insight into these desires is a worthy effort.

Key Verses

Proverbs 20:5

*The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters,
but one who has insight draws them out.*

Discussion

In the story of Rabbi Akiva and the Roman Soldier, Rabbi Akiva is asked by a Roman soldier, "Who are you and what are you doing here?" To which, Rabbi Akiva exclaimed, "I would like to pay you twice the amount to come and stand outside my home and ask me these questions each day for the rest of my life" Rabbi Akiva was aware of the importance of identity and purpose to the extent that it was worth paying for daily to achieve a deeper meaning.

1. In what ways have you intentionally sought to discover purpose and identity in your life?
2. What do you think a life with deeper meaning would look like or feel like?

In *Come Matter Here*, Hannah Brencher realized that she desired God to help her find the perfect person. It was as if she needed to sit and wait for God to drop that person in her lap. What she discovered through some significant exploration was that the right person or opportunity would come after she spent significant time investing in her own identity and purpose. The Bible supports the importance of gaining insight into our purpose in Proverbs 20:5, "The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out."

3. What deep insights have you discovered over the course of your life?
4. In what activities, efforts, or events have you gained new insights into purpose and meaning?

Like Rabbi Achiva, discovering meaning comes from searching these deep waters. Many of us want answers to drop in our lap, but a continued pursuit of identity and purpose is where our effort and God's engagement intersect in our lives. However, our lives are typically riddled with tasks that do not include contemplation, exploration, and discovery connected to God. Spending time thinking on specific insights on a more regular basis could change everything.

5. What are your top 5 strengths?
6. What are 5 key roles in your life?

What's Next?

If you would like to experience double the value in life, spend additional time this week gathering insights into your deep waters of purpose. Like Rabbi Achiva, journey with God as you answer the questions "Who are you?" and "What are you doing here?" Invite God to show you a path to applying your strengths to your key roles for purposeful engagement.

You can find a template of our 5-minute faith journal at faithinfive.com to further engage your goals and connect them with your faith.