

Introduction

Why are you here?

Why do We Exist?

Genesis 1:26-28

There is a Good Reason

Imaging Forth God

How do I do it?

Colossians 1:15

Author Tom Wright: “We should be, in the power of the Spirit, the *presence of Jesus for the whole world.*”

Whom Do You See?

Instructions: Set aside at least 15 minutes for each devotion, and invite God to transform you as you use these scriptures and questions to position yourself for transformation.

DEVOTION #1

Scripture Read Genesis 11:1-9

Dig for Truth

1. Why do the people decide to build a tower?
2. Why does God confuse the language of the people? What does God think of our efforts to gain glory?
3. What does this teach you about glory and pride in yourself and our world?
4. What “towers” have you been building in your life, that is, what do you pursue in order to bring glory to yourself?
5. How does this story answer the question, Why do I exist?

Invite Transformation

1. Get on your knees and ask God to reveal any “towers” you may be building that block his glory in you and through you.
2. Pay attention throughout your day to ways you seek to bring attention (or glory) to yourself rather than to God and ask God to change you.
3. Ask God to give you opportunities to reveal Jesus this week.

DEVOTION #2

Scripture Read John 3:22-30

Dig for Truth

1. What is John’s attitude toward the growing popularity of Jesus? What does that tell you about John’s pride and John’s need for glory?
2. Do you ever get jealous when others get more attention than you? Why?
3. How can you cultivate an attitude like John’s toward Jesus?
4. What does it mean for “me” to decrease and for Jesus to increase?
5. How does this story answer the question, Why do I exist?

Invite Transformation

1. Spend some time confessing your desire to be noticed and thought well of by others.
2. Take some time and ask God to give you a desire to see Jesus become more famous in your family, neighborhood, and workplace.

Ask God to decrease you and increase Jesus