Why Are We Here?
John 18:37

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1. I want to ask us the same question, “Why are we all here?” Really, there are three basic questions you must answer: (1) Where did I come from? (2) What am I doing here? (3) Where am I going?
2. We don’t have to look too far to find some causes of our sense of futility and frustration.
   a. Fundamentally, the cause is a lack of understanding our purpose.
   b. If ever one should feel frustration, surely it is Jesus. He stands before Pilate who can dictate life or death. In answer to Pilate’s question, “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” John 18:37
   c. Jesus is saying, in other words, “I am here for a purpose.”
   d. We are here for a purpose.

I. We Are Here To Believe Something.
   A. What you believe is the most important factor in your life.
      1. “As a man thinks (believes) in his heart so is he.” Proverbs 23:7
      2. “For in him we live and move and have our being.” Acts 17:28
   B. I believe in the need for salvation.
      1. “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:13

II. We Are Here To Become Something.
   A. Every Christian is to live as an example of Christ.
      1. “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18
   B. It is easy to get distracted between the important and the immediate.
   C. To Paul there was only one major purpose in life.
      1. 1 Timothy 4:10

III. We Are Here To Give Something.
   A. First, we are to give ourselves.
      1. “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship.” Romans 12:1
      2. “And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.” 2 Corinthians 8:5
   B. Second, we are to give of our talents.
      1. Matthew 25:14-30
   C. Third, we are to give our reason for hope.
      1. “What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?” Matthew 16:26