

If I Trust In The LORD ... *I'll find meaning in Him*
Sunday Morning



Introduction:

- A. Two very different statements:
 - 1. Jeremiah 17:7-8
 - 2. "Unless you assume a God, the question of life's purpose is meaningless" (Bertrand Russell).
- B. Grasp this fact: _____.

I. The Elusive Search For Meaning

- A. People are "driven" by a variety of different things.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
- B. The reason is simple. We're beginning at the wrong starting point –
- C. Discovering the true meaning of life.
 - 1. Psalm 139:13-16
 - 2. Isaiah 45:18
 - 3. Ephesians 1:3-6; 1 John 4:8
 - 4. Isaiah 46:3-4; Psalm 138:8

II. "Self-Help" or God's Help?

- A. Romans 8:5-8
- B. Matthew 16:24-27

III. Where Do I Look? We each have only two options

- A.
- B.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 2:1,4-9
 - b. 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Conclusion (Ephesians 1:7-12):

- A. You can discover your true identity and purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- B. God was thinking of you long before you ever thought of Him.
- C. The purpose of your life fits into a much larger plan of God.
- D. A simple phrase sums up your reason for being – that you would be "to the praise of His glory."