



## STUDY GUIDE – September 27, 2020

Message Title:            **Wait, What?  
Is My Life an Accident?**  
Teaching Pastor:        **Brian Hughes**

### **Warm-up/Icebreaker:**

(Activity used on Sunday during service) Grab a sheet of paper we're going to take about 30 seconds to write all of the roles that you fulfill in life. Husband, Father, Friend, Leader, etc.... The first ones are easy, but then a couple will require some reflection. *OR*

Describe your first job and/or current job?

Most people equate what they do with who they are but our ultimate purpose isn't found in what we do, it's found in what we are called to be.

### **Pray:**

Dear Lord, We acknowledge that you are our Creator. Thank you for the great purpose you had in creating the world and in creating us. Help us to commit ourselves to finding our purpose in You, not in the things we do, not in earthly success or human approval but in You alone. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Get Started:**

#### **Read Genesis 1:26-27 and Psalm 100:3.**

- What were you taught or what did you believe about creation growing up? Did it change over time?

#### **Read Ephesians 1:4-20.**

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- How does this scripture help you understand your real value?

“We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many languages. The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books, but doesn't know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent human being toward God.” ~ Albert Einstein

- What is your reaction to Einstein's view of our attitude toward God?

**Watch and Discuss video:**

**"God made me to love me. God made me to love Him.** You want to be the best everything on the outside, this is who you must be on the inside. Life is not an accident. You are not an accident. You were not a mistake. You didn't get here by chance. You aren't a fluke of nature. You're not the result of fate or luck. You were made intentionally, deliberately, by a God who dreamed you up and brought you into existence so that he could love you and so that you could love him." -Pastor Brian Hughes

- Take at least 3 minutes in silence, clearing your mind and simply being in God's loving presence, sharing what you love about Him to Him. (*set a timer*)
- How do you best receive God's love for you and how do you best express your love for Him?

**Reflect and Commit:****Read John 15:9-17 and Psalm 138:8**

- What do you believe your purpose in life is, based on these verses (or any other you would like to reference)?
- How do you live into the purpose for which God has called you? Do you feel as though you are fulfilling God's purpose for your life?
- What are 1- 3 things you could do in order to live more purpose-filled?
- On the paper used earlier, fold in half again and on the inside write, "God made me to love me, God made me to love Him."

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, Thank you that we are a part of your divine design. Help us to remember that we ultimately can find satisfying purpose when we seek after you. Lord, as we work to understand our purpose more fully, we pray that Your joy would be present, and that we'd grow in grace and wisdom. We acknowledge that we were made to receive Your love and to love You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. In Jesus' Name, Amen.