



STUDY GUIDE      October 29, 2023

**Message Series:** At the Movies  
**Message Title:** What is Your Purpose?  
**Teaching Pastor:** Brian Hughes

**Warm-up/Icebreaker:** (5 min.)

What movie has your favorite backdrop, landscape, or scenery in it?

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, we praise You for who You are, and we invite You in as we meet together to learn and grow closer to You and to one another. Help us to sense Your presence around us, above and below us and within us. Grant that we follow You into the unknown, into the next place in our journey with you. In your son's name, Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Get Started:** (20 min.)

- What is the most dangerous thing you have ever done? (cue the *Danger Zone* song in honor of Top Gun/Maverick)
- What has brought you the most fulfillment in life?

*"The best plan for your life, the sure plan for your life, is God's plan for your life. And make no mistake about it, God has a plan for your life...We have to pursue it though. And we have to submit our lives to it. It's not our plan, it's His. And even if we can't see it, God's plan is always better."* -Pastor Brian Hughes

- What has been the experience for you in terms of pursuing God's plan for your life?
- How would you answer the question, "What is Your purpose in life?"

**Watch and Discuss Video** (running time 9 minutes, 15 minute discussion)

- Is it easy for you to honor and respect your father and mother? Regardless of the answer to the previous question, why is it important to honor your father and mother?

**Read Ephesians 6:1-3 & Colossians 3:20-21.**

- Can you think of a question you could ask your parents or other elders about life, in an effort to build a connection?

**Read Deuteronomy 32:7 & Leviticus 19:32.**

- How have you learned from a different generation? Do you invest time in someone who is younger or older than you?

*"We can become a multi-generational movement that sees value in EVERY generation. No one on the sidelines. Everyone having a part.... When James says you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." He's saying that we should ask that question of every decision AND every season. What does God want? THAT IS the question. -Pastor Brian Hughes*

**Reflect and Commit:** (20 min.)

**Read Psalm 71:18 & Psalm 145:4.**

- Have you ever thought about becoming a mentor or being mentored?
- What stories of God's greatness from your life, would you share with the next generation?

*"These truths in the Bible are a roadmap for our good: Everyone has a place and a purpose, but it morphs as we age. We just have to embrace our station and value those in other seasons. Together, we're better - not as separate generations, but as a symbiotic community of people - young and old and everywhere in between - who need each other in order to achieve our maximum potential.... We have to begin to operate not with lines, but with circles. Embracing our strengths, compensating for our weaknesses, and finding value in old and young alike." -Pastor Brian Hughes*

**Gather prayer requests and pray.** (5-10 min.)

*"James reminds us - we're a mist that remains for a minute and then we're gone. But while we're here, we still matter. Discovering God's plan not just for our life but for this season of our life, that matters. And I know this is really challenging. Not everyone's purpose is equally clear. I've met with many people who struggled to discover the answer to the question "why am I here". I get it. But don't let the challenge of it stop the pursuit of it. So, whether you're young and on the rise or more experienced and ready to pour into someone else, you still have a place. You still have a purpose. You still matter. And when we find our stride together, regardless of our generation, that's when we all really shine." -Pastor Brian Hughes*

**Pray:**

Dear Heavenly father, we sense You are doing a powerful work to connect Your people, young, old and in-between. Grant us the patience to work together and respect one another. Help us to communicate with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Unify us and help us to live in harmony being a strong example of Your love to any generation. And teach us to live with purpose no matter what our season of life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### **Movie Facts: Maverick**

A ton of aerial footage was shot. There was evidently over 800 hours of aerial footage shot in the making of "Top Gun: Maverick." To put that in perspective, Peter Jackson didn't shoot that much footage when making the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Apparently that 30-year wait got people hyped for a "Top Gun" sequel. The movie ended up making \$718.7 million domestically and \$1.488 billion worldwide. It became only the second film to clear a billion after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the highest-grossing film in Cruise's career, and also the highest-grossing movie of 2022.