



Diocese of
Wheeling-Charleston

**RELATED SCRIPTURE
PASSAGES:**

Purpose:

Proverbs 19:21;
Ephesians 3:20;
Exodus 9:16;
Jeremiah 29:11;
John 6:38;
John 6:40

Value:

Psalms 139:13-15;
Titus 3:5;
James 4:11-12;
Colossians 3:1;
Proverbs 28:6

**RELATED CATECHISM OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:**

The Purpose of Man:
1, 27, 31, 41, 51

Creation:
293-295, 299, 356-361



DISCUSSION GUIDE

CREATION

SYNOPSIS

What are the chances of life on earth to have just 'happened?' What are the chances of the universe to be in perfect balance to allow life to exist?

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

✠ Use this film at an event about our worth, human dignity, or God's love for us. You can also focus on why we were created and what we were created for.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why are you here? What were you created for?
2. Is there purpose to your existence?
3. C.S. Lewis said, "If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world." What do you think he meant? Have you ever experienced this?
4. If we are as complex as the video suggests we are, why? What's the point of that complexity? What does it tell you about yourself? What does it tell you about God?
5. So why are you here? Gaston Bachelard said, "Man is a creation of desire, not a creation of need." Does this answer the question? If so, how?
6. If your grandparents grew up Catholic, they likely memorized the Baltimore Catechism's answer to the question "What is the purpose of man?" The answer they would have memorized is this: To know, love, and serve God in this world and to be happy with him in the next. What do you think? Too simple? Too difficult?
7. To know God: Can you know God? How? (Note: Leaders take some time here to discuss ways they CAN get to know God. Give them practicals such as studying Scripture, praying and meditating, celebrating the Sacraments, reading the Saints of the Church)
8. To love God: Can you love God if you don't know Him? How can your answer to #7 increase your love for God?
9. To serve God: What two different motivations might you have for serving God? (love of God or fear of punishment) Are you serving God now? In what ways? What is your motive, love or fear? How can fulfilling your first two purposes for existence help you fulfill this third one?
10. If you fulfill the three earthly purposes for your existence, what will be a natural consequence? (being happy with God in heaven).