

Whoever finds his life will
lose it, and whoever loses
his life for my sake will
find it.
Mt 10:39

Share the teaching
Guard the sharing

Male Call

March 9, 2007

What is the chief end of man?

5:55 – 6:05	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Coffee & Donuts 2) Opening Prayer
6:05 – 6:25	<p>If we are to understand our chief end, we must understand Jesus' mission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Jesus' <i>mission</i>: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) "...you [Joseph] shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Mt 1:21 b) "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Jn 4:34 c) "Now is my [Jesus] soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Jn 12:27-28 d) "...even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." My 20:28 e) "...I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do." Jn 17:4 f) ...he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Jn 19:30 2) Our <i>mission</i>—our chief end: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Q1. What is the chief end of man? A1. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. b) Glorify God: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Psalm 86; Isaiah 60:21; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 6:20, 31; Revelation 4:11. c) Enjoy God: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Psalm 16:5-11; Psalm 144:15; Isaiah 12:2; Luke 2:10; Philippians 4:4; Revelation 21:3-4. d) It is all we have... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) After this [hard teaching] many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." Jn 6:66-69

<p>6:25 – 7:00</p>	<p>Interaction and prayer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Refer to Neh 3:1-32...note the division of labor with many workers repairing the wall directly in front of them. What is your mission for God within the context of the Body of Christ and where He has placed you? 2) In what ways are you glorifying God? 3) In what ways are you enjoying God?
<p>7:00</p>	<p>Closing Prayer</p>

Further reading:

- The *Bible*
- McCall, *Walking Like Jesus Did*. BMH Books, 2005
- Westminster Shorter Catechism