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2. Could you explain why glorifying God is the purpose of life to someone who does not believe the Bible is authoritative? How?
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4. The cross shows us that working with a grateful heart and strong effort glorifies God. In what aspects of your work do you need to show more gratitude? In what aspects of your work do you need to give more effort?
5. Can you think of other areas of life where the cross reveals how we fulfill our purpose of glorifying God? (See below for some other examples)

Other examples of how the cross reveals how to fulfill our purpose:

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 - Answer: The cross gives me a mind of humility towards others (Philippians 2:3-8) freeing me from making the end of competition winning and a validation of self, and trading it for the enjoyment of full use of all the skill God has granted me.
- How do I glorify God in my thinking?
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- How do I glorify God with my money and things?
 - Answer: Use them to make other people satisfied in Jesus (2 Corinthians 8:9). At the cross Jesus became poor in death to make us rich in life and relationship with Him. I respond to this reality by being generous with my money and things, but not just aimlessly generous, generous so that others will see and savor Jesus.



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