

# WHY AM I HERE?

Distribute **pencils** and **paper** and divide participants into small groups of 3-4 members each. Ask groups to discuss the questions below:

- Think of a typical teenager. What does that teenager live for? If asked the question, "Why are you here?", what do you think he or she would say?
- What do we live for? What is our ultimate goal?
- If you could ask God, "What are we here for?", how do you think God would answer?

When groups have finished, invite groups to share the highlights of their discussions. Continue:

- What is *hedonism*? (*the pursuit of pleasure as the highest goal in life*)
- How hedonistic is our culture? the typical teenager? the typical adult?
- What alternative "life-goals," other than hedonism, can we identify? (Invite a volunteer to list ideas on **chalkboard** or **newsprint**; include hedonism in the list.)
- How do our life-goals affect our day-to-day decisions and choices? the way we treat others? our relationship to God?
- Finish this sentence: *The ultimate goal of my life is...*