**Philosophies of Life**

Humanist – **Life is about the needs of people**

A person who thinks that being concerned about peoples needs is the most important thing. Usually humanists would not believe in God.

Materialistic - **Life is about material comforts**

A person who thinks that the point of life is to be materially comfortable (Have a nice house, clothes, cars etc)

Existentialist - **Life is what you make of it**

Someone who thinks there is no purpose in life other than that which a person chooses to create for themselves.

Nihilist - **Life is pointless**

A person who does not believe there is any point to life

Religious - **Life is about loving God and others**

A person who usually believes in God and thinks that the purpose of life is to love God and other people

**Teachings of Jesus on vocation, happiness and fulfilment**

**Rich Young Man** - Now a very impressive man came to Jesus. This man was young and rich. And he was a ruler. He also wanted to know more about God. He knew something about ‘\*eternal life’ and he wanted it. Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'You need one thing,' he said. 'Go and sell all your possessions. Give the money to poor people. Then you will have real wealth, in \*heaven. Then come! Follow me!' If the young man did this, he would show his love for God. It would be greater than his love for his possessions. This would please God. But this man loved his wealth. And he loved the way that he lived. He was not going to give it up and follow a poor teacher. So, the young man sadly walked away. Then Jesus looked at the disciples and said *“It is easier for a camel to go through the small hole in a needle than for a rich man to join the kingdom of God.”*

**The Beatitudes -** The beatitudes are eight statements taught by Jesus. They are concerned with virtue and how a believer in Jesus Christ can achieve that virtue. The Beatitudes are a map of life, a series of directives helping us on our journey to be with God. They guide. They point. They teach. They show us the values that Christ cares about. These values if followed, can not only bring a believer into a state of peace and happiness, but also right into the Kingdom of God after our journey on this earth is over.

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God*.”

**Examples of vocations**

**Priest –** A priest answers God’s call to serve to serve him and his Church. He receives a special gift that makes him a preacher of God’s word, a leader in worship and minister of the sacraments and a guide for God’s people.

**Teacher/Doctor –** Follow God’s call to a life of service. They serve God through helping and caring for others.

**Teacher -**

**Vocation**

**Examples and explanations of how religious people found happiness in the bible**

**Mary –** Mary was willing to pay a high price in order to submit to the call of God. She put her reputation on the line in order to obey God. Mary stands as proof that submission to God is worth it. Mary a woman who trusted God and who as a result was greatly blessed by God's grace. Mary had the privilege that no other woman in human history had. She was the chosen vessel through whom God the Son became human. Her exaltation, however, only came after her willing heart said, "I am the Lord's servant. Whatever it costs, wherever it takes me, I will do it."

**Moses –** God called Moses to take a message back to the Israelites that he was always with them and to lead them out of Egypt and away from their miserable lives of slavery. Moses questioned God’s decision “Who am I to go to Pharaoh and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?” However, Moses trusted in God and if God promised to save and protect his people, God would not let them down. Moses found happiness by answering God’s call and helping the Israelites flee Egypt.