



Relentless Pursuit – Week 1

HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

SOCIAL TIME (15-20 minutes)

Have an ice-breaker ready, eat a snack together, and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting.

Ice-Breaker suggestion: Play '20 questions'. 20 questions is a game where typically someone chooses an item and others have 20 questions (or less) that can be asked to guess what the item is. You can only ask 'yes or no' questions. But instead of choosing an item, choose a person that the group must figure out.

CHECK-IN TIME (15-20 minutes)

Talk to each other about how your action steps from last week went.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (45-60 minutes)

Emmanuel Church exists to see people come to Christ and grow in Christ. We are on a Relentless Pursuit to reach our friends and family who are far from Christ or 'lost'. Over the next three weeks we will be learning and thinking about ways we can join into that mission and vision to make a Kingdom impact.

1. Paul and Rachel talked about their journey in coming to Emmanuel and eventually coming to Christ during their testimony story of Relentless Pursuit. Share your experience in coming to Christ and getting connected to Emmanuel with the group.
2. The Bible makes it clear to us that those lost people mean a lot to God as well. [Read Luke 15:4-7](#). *"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!"* Jesus explains that every person out of place is worth the effort to pursue.

How have you tried to pursue those in your life that are lost? What worked and what did not work?

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3. At some point we were the “one sheep”, lost and looking for the Shepherd. Who was a pivotal person that pursued you when you were lost? How did that change your life?
4. Pastor Danny shared a story about a time he lost his son in the mall. It was clear the panic of being separated from him was overwhelming. After having his friends jump into the search, they found his son quickly, before he got to the parking lot. Pastor Danny chose to implore friends to find his son instead of looking alone. In the same way, God uses us to reach people through our relationships so they may not perish. Read [John 3:16](#).

If God was willing to sacrifice his only son for you, what do you need to set aside to pursue the lost people in your life to join you at church?

5. So, it is time to make a move to pursue the lost people in your life. Who are they? What feelings arise when you think of them? What do they mean to you? Look at the action steps below and select one of them to start your relentless pursuit.

ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the following or create your own.

- **INVITE:** Text “invite” to 65248 to use Emmanuel’s invite tool. This tool will allow you to invite a friend as well as gives them all the information they need to know.
- **PRAY:** Put an index card or a post-it note with the name of your relentless pursuit somewhere you will see it regularly. Pray for them and pray for the relentless pursuits of your group members.
- **TAKE TIME:** Write the name of your relentless pursuit on the wall of your campus’ auditorium.
- **GRATITUDE:** Call, text, or send a note to the person who pursued you when you were lost.
- **ATTEND:** Commit to attending all three weeks of the Relentless Pursuit series.

PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

- Partner up with one person in your group.
- Share something that you want to apply in your life from this weekend’s message.
- Make sure you have one another’s numbers and text throughout the week for accountability.

GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

To determine how your group can serve together in the surrounding community, email Breanne Schafer, Emmanuel’s Associate Outreach Director, at bschafer@eclife.org.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6th | Night of Worship (Banta Campus and Greenwood Campus)

October 10th-16th | Fall Break (No onsite groups or childcare at any campus)

October 21 | 1824

You can find more information on all of these events at eclife.org.