Relentless Pursuit - Week 2

HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GROUP PREP

In preparation for group, <u>watch Emmanuel's weekend service message</u>, 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 'Who's Missing.' Have your group sit in a circle with their eyes closed. One person should remain out of the group. Next, have one person not in the circle tap someone in the circle on the shoulder and remove them from the circle. The first one to guess who is not there wins. Activity can be repeated.

CHECK-IN TIME (15-20 minutes)

Talk 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." Throughout this series, we will continue to learn ways to join in that mission to make an impact for God's Kingdom.

- 1. Describe a time you got lost. How did it end up? Or describe a time you lost something important to you. Did you find it?
- 2. Read <u>Matthew 4:17</u>. Jesus said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He hopes for us to repent and enter the kingdom of heaven as soon as possible. Why do you think people ignore this urgent message?
- 3. Read <u>Luke 15:8-10</u>.
 - Imagine the lost coin being someone in your life. The coin didn't know it was lost, and neither do most people. Does this truth make it easier or more challenging to tell people about Jesus?
- 4. We can relentlessly pursue those who are lost in three ways: pray for them, serve them, and have a conversation with them. Why is it important to pray for those who are lost? What are some practical ways you could serve those you know who are lost?
 - Do you find it challenging to have conversations with others about Jesus? Why or why not?



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5. Will you continue to pursue those who are lost? What is one action step you can take this week to lead someone to repentance?

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 and give them all of 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 so that you can consistently pray for them.
- RP Boards: Take time to 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10th-16th | Fall Break (No onsite groups or childcare at any campus) October 17th-23rd | Fall Break (No onsite groups or childcare at Banta campus) October 21 | 1824

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