

**November 16 & 17, 2019 | Relentless Pursuit – week 1**  
**Group Discussion Questions**

**GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, read [Luke 5:27-32](#) and [watch Emmanuel's Weekend Services message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

**INTRODUCTION**

Jesus Christ gave his life by dying on a cross for every person we meet. He wants everyone to know him and experience abundant life through a life-changing relationship with him. You have access to the best offer on earth – the Gospel. This truth should help us genuinely care about the people around us, get to know what's happening in their lives, and, when the time is right, invite them to take an appropriate next step toward Jesus.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Did you end up at church as the result of an invitation? If so, share your story with the group. How has your life changed since beginning a relationship with Jesus?

2. Read [Matthew 13:44-46](#). Life in the Kingdom of God is the best offer on earth. What does it look like to live in God's Kingdom, and why would someone give up everything to live in it?

What gets you excited? On a scale of 1 to 10, how excited are you to live in God's Kingdom, and why do you give yourself that rating? If you don't feel excited to live in God's Kingdom, what keeps you from feeling that way?

Read [2 Corinthians 4:4](#). Why is it important to understand that Satan is the god of this world? What aspects of your kingdom (or this world) do you find it hard to let go?

What needs to happen for you to get as excited about living in God's Kingdom as the man who found the hidden treasure or the merchant who found the pearl of great value?

3. We will invest in others, share our faith, or invite people to church if we are excited about living in God's Kingdom. What most resonated with you in [Luke 5:27-32](#)?

In this passage, we see that Jesus was intentional about spending time with those who didn't have a relationship with him. What obstacles get in the way of you investing in the lives of others or extending an invite to church?

Think about the people in your life who you could influence for God's Kingdom. Who is God calling you to influence? Write down at least three people. How could they benefit from your invitation?

**ACTION STEP**

4. Brainstorm creative ways to extend an offer to church this Christmas season. Over the next month, who are the people you will relentlessly pursue, and what actions will you take to pursue them?

## **OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION**

**PACK A BAG.** Emmanuel is collecting non-perishable food items for families in need. In your lobby, there are metal bins with bags inside. Take a bag and fill it with the items attached, then bring the bag back to place it in the bin. Emmanuel's local nonprofit partnership, the Refuge, will pick up the items and distribute them as needed this holiday season.

**SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS.** 'Tis the season to shop for gifts! Choose generosity this holiday season by supporting a family in need. It's difficult for some parents to provide presents for their children, so email Emmanuel's Outreach Director, Kerry Carmichael ([kcarmichael@eclife.org](mailto:kcarmichael@eclife.org)), to sponsor a qualified family for Christmas.

To find out more details about these projects or other ways your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at [bschafer@eclife.org](mailto:bschafer@eclife.org).

## **FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.**

My action step is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I will encourage \_\_\_\_\_ to complete their action step.

Their action step is \_\_\_\_\_.

My memory verse is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:

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