

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

WEEK: AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

SERIES INFO

You're Invited Series: Over four weekends, we'll talk about things that matter most: who Jesus is, why His grace is a gift, what it means to follow Him, and why it's worth it. It's a series for you—and for the person you've been meaning to invite.

PERSONAL FUN FACTS

Tell us about a time when you felt like the rules didn't really apply to you, only to discover that you would have been better off following the rules, rather than to ignore them.

TAKEAWAYS

What were the greatest “takeaways” you had from the message this week about chasing after God?

DISCUSSION

Chasing After God ... a Wholehearted Pursuit

It takes commitment, tenacity, and endurance to chase after anything notable that makes a difference in one's life and the life of others. William Wilberforce was driven to spend his life fighting against the transatlantic slave trade and slavery itself. In 1785, at the age of 26, he became a Christian and felt the call to bring an end to the atrocity of the slave trade. He faced a lot of opposition from wealthy slave traders, dirty politicians, and was weakened by his own chronic illness, but finally he saw the passing of the Slave Trade Act of 1807 abolishing the slave trade in Britain, followed by the Slavery Abolition Act in 1833, which freed all slaves in the British Empire. Just three days later, after the final bill was passed, Wilberforce died. His purpose, which was revealed to him by God, created a legacy that served as a blueprint for future humanitarian causes and how to oppose injustice in our world.

You, too, have been given a purpose. Are you pursuing it? Are you chasing after it? Do you know what your purpose is? How do you know and pursue your God-given purpose in life? It begins with a chase ... chasing after God who created you and who instilled that purpose within you.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13; Psalm 119:10

- What does “seeking God with all your heart” look like in your current stage of life?
- Where in your life do you need to trust God's bigger picture rather than your present circumstance as it relates to His purpose in your life?

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Scripture: Philippians 3:12-14; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
“Pursuing God is a Lifelong Journey”

As we heard this weekend, faith is a journey that sometimes has some rocky moments. While God doesn't promise an easy path, He does promise His presence with us on the journey. One thing we know, with our pursuit of God, not a moment is wasted; God forms and shapes us through both the mountain-top experiences as well as the low moments to fulfill His purpose in us.

- What has been a high mountain-top moment in your life that God has given you extraordinary insight on His direction for your life?
- Share a time in your life that caused you to doubt your faith in God, but through time, healing, and the Holy Spirit's work, you were able to press on to where you gained greater insight to God's leading in your life. (think big picture over momentary circumstance)

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
“Chasing Implies Running After It”

Have you ever run a race? There is an implication that if you chase after something, there is some urgency, perseverance, resolution, intentionality, and discipline required. Chases are not usually characterized as “strolls in the park,” rather they are more like a race. Scripture tells us that “the race” begins when we surrender to Christ.

- In light of the Hebrews 12:1-3 passage, what are some of the weights or hindrances that slow you down in the race of faith?
- As we surrender the things that cause us to slow down in our pursuit of God, what kinds of spiritual “training practices” might strengthen our pursuit of God?

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Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3
“Consistency Cultivates Maturity”

Chasing after God is not just about having a string of passionate moments but developing a lifestyle of daily consistent practices of sustainable rhythms that help us to grow in our endurance that we need on our journey of faith. Many will begin their journey in pursuing God with great zeal and excitement—which is awesome—but it’s the daily, steady pursuit that forms Christlike character.

- How are you staying rooted, as in the “tree planted by streams of water” in Psalm 1?
- What has God taught you about consistency in pursuit of Him?

APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT

How would you finish this sentence?

After prayer and discernment, I sense that my purpose that God has given me is

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This is what I am doing/will do with my life as I pursue God’s purpose He has given me:

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PRAYER

Lord God, You are the source of life, the giver of purpose, and the One who calls us to pursue You above all else.

We confess that many things in this world compete for our attention and cause us to drift from You and all You have in store for our lives. Today, we want to set our eyes on You; stir within us a holy desire to chase after You—not for what You give but for who You are.

When the journey feels hard, teach us to seek the consistency of our daily spiritual practices of prayer, silence, and reading Your Word. Strengthen us when we grow tired, weary and our journey goes off course. Use us for Your glory, and may our pursuit of You draw others to the hope we have in Jesus.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.