



# PURSUIT

**PURSUIT Part 2 -  
We Open Our Hearts  
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## **USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

**The songs we worship with form our beliefs, and our beliefs form our lives.**

**Madonna:** "Give me the songs of a generation and I'll give you the MINDS of a generation."

**Rom. 10:17:** "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

WHAT we're singing, declaring, and getting implanted into our minds and hearts is IMMENSELY important!

The songs we worship will IMPLANT the Word and doctrine into our minds and spirits

**Feature Song: *We Open Our Hearts and We Wait for You***

**Psalm 27:4 (NIV)**

“**One thing** I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”

You have to have the heart of a worshipper to end up in the reality of the  
**Bridge**

**The Verse**

“One thing that we ask, Lord  
One thing that we seek  
You're the reason we're here, now  
Giving everything – You are everything  
Our hearts are on fire; our praise, it won't end  
Our God, King of Glory, we usher you in!”

**Psalm 27:1-3**

“The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?  
<sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.  
<sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.”

### **Psalm 27:5-6**

“For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter  
of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.”

### **Psalm 27:10**

“Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.”

### **Psalm 27:13-14**

“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

**TRUST in GOD leads to a vibrant worship life, and a vibrant worship life  
leads to increased TRUST in GOD**

### **What causes our hearts to be closed to God?**

#### **1. Past Hurts**

#### **2. Insecurity / Fear of Man**

#### **3. Lack of Knowledge of God** - False thinking: “If I completely give myself to God, he’ll make me do things I hate.”

- **Psalm 119:68 (NIV)**

“You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees/ways.”

### **The Chorus**

“Spirit blow upon this place, show Your glory, have Your way  
We will not be moved ‘til all we have is You  
Spirit fill us with Your life, all that’s dead now come alive  
Cause all we want is You”

When we worship, He takes us to places we couldn’t have gotten to on our own.

**Eph. 2:4-6 (NIV)**

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the **heavenly realms in Christ Jesus**”.

**Psalms 24:3-4 (NIV)**

“Who may **ascend the mountain of the Lord?** (Pursuit/Worship) Who may stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup>The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.”

**Matt. 18:18 (NIV)**

“Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

**In worship, we can not only ASK God for things, but DECLARE things according to His will!**

**TALK IT THROUGH**

1. Pastor Joseph made the point that what we're singing has a great impact on our beliefs, our decisions, our minds and hearts. What's one way that music has influenced your life? What have you been singing lately?
2. How can we correctly identify our “one thing”? What do we do if our actions don't match up with our declaration?
3. David's “one thing” passion for God was couched in his full trust of God - in every season. How would you define trust? Does this mean you will never feel disappointed or let down by God?
4. What practical steps can we take to increase our trust in God, especially if it feels broken or challenged?
5. Pastor Joseph gave three categories of things that can cause our hearts to be closed to God. Of these, which resonates with you the most, and why? Were there hurts, insecurities, fears or wrong thinking that were broken this weekend?
6. According to Matthew 18:18, we've been invited to not just to make our requests known to God, but make declarations that are according to his will. What are some things you've been asking God for, that you can change to a declaration?