







PURSUIT

A 6-WEEK GROUPS STUDY | PURSUING THE HEART OF GOD



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Running with God



The greater things of God always
require a new level of pursuit.

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**Then you will call on me and
come and pray to me, and I will
listen to you. You will seek me
and find me when you seek
me with all your heart.**

JEREMIAH 29:12-13



Describe a time when you attempted to go after something new. For example, going back to college, switching careers, or exploring a new sport / hobby.

What were your challenges, and did you rise to the occasion?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it look like to pursue God?

2. How valuable is pursuing God in the context of relationships?

POINT 1

ENDURANCE

Start with what you have the endurance for and build from there. As you fast, pray, and spend time in the secret place, your endurance will increase.

In this season of life where do you think your spiritual endurance is? How can you build it?

POINT 2

SCHEDULE

Set your heart by setting your schedule. We must set aside the quality time it requires to run after God

What's a practical thing you can change in your schedule to seek God at a whole new level?

POINT 3

SUCCESS

Set yourself up for success by training with other runners. You need people to come alongside you who will motivate and encourage you.

Who do you need to be running / training with to set yourself up for success?

NEXT STEPS + CHALLENGE

Split off into groups of 2 or 3 and spend 5-10 minutes praying for one another.

PURSUIT BOOK: Read Days 1-5

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Gaining Spiritual Altitude

God invites us to experience life at a higher level. However, new elevation comes from a place of desperation.

Where are you living today?

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**As for God, his way is perfect:
The Lord's word is flawless;
He shields all who take refuge in Him.
For who is God besides the Lord?
And who is the Rock except our God?
It is God who arms me with strength
and keeps my way secure.
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;
he causes me to stand on the heights.**

PSALM 18:30-33



**What is the highest vantage point you've ever experienced?
What captured your attention from that point of view?**

Who in your life has broadened your perspective, allowing you to see the world through fresh eyes?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can we prepare our lives to gain a new spiritual altitude?

2. How can we position ourselves for the greater things of God and experience the abundantly above all we could ask or imagine?

POINT 1

GET DESPERATE AND CRY OUT

There is no new elevation without desperation.

POINT 2

RECOGNIZE AND ELIMINATE LOW LAND ACTIVITY

If we do not recognize and eliminate low-land activity, we end up spending our days in places God never intended us to be.

POINT 3

CONTINUALLY ASK FOR A FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we gain new spiritual altitude and are filled with the Spirit, we can then see clearly what God has planned and what was there the whole time.

NEXT STEPS + CHALLENGE

Split off into groups of 2 or 3 and spend 5-10 minutes praying for one another.

PURSUIT BOOK: Read Days 5-8

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Planted in Community



Believers grow best in community.

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The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming,
“The Lord is upright; he is my Rock,
and there is no wickedness in him.”

PSALM 92:12-15



Where does community fall on your list of priorities on a scale from 1 to 10?

How has community, or lack thereof, impacted your life on a day-to-day basis? In your decision making?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are you planted in the House?

2. Who in your circle provides strength and stability?

3. How have the people in your circle supported and celebrated you?

POINT 1

CONNECT TO YOUR ROOT SYSTEM

When we pursue community, when we pursue relationships, and when we pursue a place of permanence in the House of God, we are setting ourselves up to flourish.

POINT 2

RECOGNIZE YOUR INTERDEPENDENCE

God has created us for connection in an emotional, healthy, and life-giving way. Recognize your strengths and the strengths of those around you. Allow them to help you carry your burdens and reach out to carry theirs.

POINT 3

LIVE CLOSE ENOUGH TO GATHER & AGREE

When we pursue the Lord in the context of a worshipping community, we are pursuing and experiencing the presence of Jesus Himself.

NEXT STEPS + CHALLENGE

Split off into groups of 2 or 3 and spend 5-10 minutes praying for one another.

PURSUIT BOOK: Read Days 9-12

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Cultivating Your Climate



When we are intentional about our spiritual climate, we can develop deep roots that result in a fruitful life and the ability to weather every season in faith.

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

JOHN 15:1-8



Your spiritual climate is determined by your relationship with God and those around you. How do you view the quality of your relationships?

What are some things that influence your climate? How healthy is your soil?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What obstacles do people face in staying planted in the local church? How can you combat this?

2. Why is it necessary to go through a pruning season, and what does it prepare us for?

POINT 1

GET PLANTED AND STAY PLANTED IN THE HEALTHY SOIL OF A LOCAL CHURCH.

POINT 2

PURSUE & MAINTAIN A HEALTHY SPIRITUAL CLIMATE FOR YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE.

POINT 3

DON'T RUN FROM THE PRUNING BUT SEE WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE THROUGH EYES OF FAITH.

NEXT STEPS + CHALLENGE

Split off into groups of 2 or 3 and spend 5-10 minutes praying for one another.

PURSUIT BOOK: Read Days 13-16

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The Mountain of Holiness



The view of God's best for your life is seen
from the mountain of purity and holiness.

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**Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit,
to sustain me.**

PSALM 51:10-12



**Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**

MATHEW 5:8

What factors can help us to climb the mountain of purity and holiness?

God is not against effort, he's against earning. Has there ever been a time in your life where you tried to earn favor with the Lord?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to keep a pure heart?

2. What are the idols in your life?

3. What will it look like for you to climb the Mountain of Holiness?

POINT 1

LIVE WITH CLEAN HANDS

Bring all sin before the throne of grace and ask God for cleansing. God is just to forgive our sins because of Christ, and he will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

POINT 2

ASK THE LORD TO PURIFY YOUR HEART CONTINUALLY.

David prayed in Psalm 51, asking God to “create in him a clean heart,” this means to make something out of nothing.

POINT 3

INTENTIONALLY REMOVE ANY IDOLS FROM YOUR LIFE.

Remove anything that is taking priority over your relationship with Jesus and your commitment to his House.

POINT 4

INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO YOUR CONVERSATION AND CONFESSIONS.

Life and death are in the power of the tongue. You are always headed in the direction of your confession.

NEXT STEPS + CHALLENGE

Split off into groups of 2 or 3 and spend 5-10 minutes praying for one another.

PURSUIT BOOK: Read Days 17-21

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Like Waves



It's through persistence and intensity
that we learn how to pursue to places of
victory and breakthrough.

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If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

PSALM 139:9-10



Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand
— when I awake, I am still with you.

PSALM 139:18

When have you responded well to an unexpected situation during a season of focused pursuit?

How does the love of God motivate you to keep going with intensity?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are there any areas you have backed off in your persistence and intensity in your pursuit of God?

2. Have there been times in the past when you prayed harder and more frequently, gave with more consistency and faith, served others, and read the word more consistently, but over time, you quit striking arrows?

POINT 1

TAKING A POSTURE OF FAITH CREATES MOVEMENT IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM.

When done in faith and obedience, what we do in the natural or physical, like lifting hands, bowing, and prayer walking creates motion and changes things in the spiritual realm.

POINT 2

CHOOSE PATIENCE IN THE PROCESS

As we pursue and grow in Christ, the attributes of persistence and consistency will increase in our lives.

POINT 3

DON'T GIVE UP AND "PRAY UNTIL"

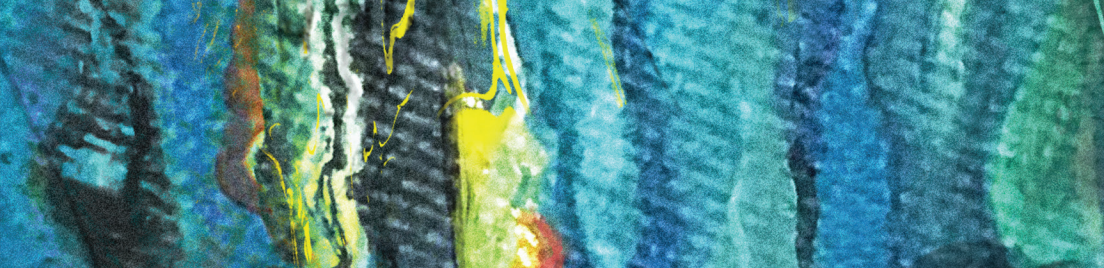
God is moving while we are striking the arrows on the ground. God is using our simple acts of faith to destroy our enemies and clear the way before us.

NEXT STEPS + CHALLENGE

Split off into groups of 2 or 3 and spend 5-10 minutes praying for one another.

Share with the group your biggest takeaway from this series.

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AND I WILL LISTEN TO YOU. YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME
WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.**

JEREMIAH 29:12-13

