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 THE PURSUIT OF GOD
 Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

The goal of following Jesus is to become like Him. Aaron Judkins, Culpeper Campus Pastor, reminds us that we become what we seek because our thinking drives our living. What we seek shapes us. If we change what we're seeking, it will change what we become. We become like Jesus through seeking His face in the search, the aim, and the rhythm found in Psalm 105:4b.

- The Search: Seek His face always.
 - When God calls your name, drop everything you're doing, and run into His embrace. God is looking for those who will chase Him with their whole heart. God wants us to seek Him because He wants to be found. (Psalm 14:2)
- The Aim: His face.
 - Moses' face glowed after he'd been in the presence of God. When we seek His face, it will reflect in how we live our lives. (Psalm 16:11)
- The Rhythm: Always.
 - When you feel like it and even when you don't feel like it; whether you see it or not; and whatever season of your life, seek His face always.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

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| • Psalm 63:1 | • Psalm 14:2 |
| • John 10:10 | • Psalm 16:11 |
| • 2 Corinthians 3:18 | • Exodus 33:1-3, 15 |
| • Psalm 105:4 | • 1 Timothy 5:1 |
| • Matthew 13:45 | • Hebrews 12:1 |

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What does your schedule reveal about what you are seeking in this life?
- What are some things people cling to that keep them from seeking Jesus?
- What does it mean to seek the face of God? How do we do this?
- How do we seek His face more than we seek His hand?

- What does it mean to leave Egypt or to get Egypt out of you?

APPLICATION IDEAS

"Let it be said that no two things are more essential to a spirit-filled life than bible reading and secret praying." E. M. Bounds

- For those who don't know where to start: Read a chapter a day in the life of Jesus found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John and spend ten minutes praying, only asking for the presence of Jesus.
- Those who've fallen off: Be honest with God about where you are and get back to where you need to be.
- Those who are in a wonderful place with the Lord: Lay aside every sin or weight that slows you down. "Swimming with a 100-pound dumbbell isn't sinful; it's just not smart."
- Those who don't follow or don't believe or who follow a different God: Come and seek Jesus.

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- Explore the book of Exodus to learn more about the story of Moses and what happened after God set Israel free from Egypt. Journal about how you would respond if God told you He would give you everything you've ever wanted, but you would not have Him in your life. Which path would you take?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray for one another to pursue God in ways they've never done in the past and to persevere in their pursuit through every season of their lives.

LEADER TIPS

- Consider sharing your journey (the highs and the lows) of seeking and finding God with the group and how it shaped the various ages and stages of your life.