

THE PURSUE PATH



WELCOME TO THE PURSUE PATH

Pursue is an amazing discipleship curriculum that with just a little preparation gets real and transparent discussions started. Pursue, through the power of the Holy Spirit, leads you (Paul) and your mentee (Timothy) on a journey of spiritual growth.

Each Pursue module utilizes a simple Three Thirds method in which mentor and mentee spend time 1) Looking Back and reflecting on the past week, their goals, and how God was at work; 2) Looking Up towards God through Scripture; and 3) Looking Forward-- applying Scripture to our lives and setting practical goals for the following week utilizing a simple "I will ... by when" statement. The first 16 Pursues come with discussion guides that clearly break the time into these three sections while walking through the fundamental Scriptural truths we need to be able to follow Jesus Christ.

Pursue is highly flexible. The guides can be used word for word or as a scaffold for discussion. As you grow more comfortable with each Pursue and gain a better understanding of what the important points are, they will begin to feel like natural conversation and relationship rather than step by step mechanical discussions. Many of the Pursues have other resources linked online, or you can find them in the printed versions just behind the readings.

The best part of Pursue is that it doesn't stop with you. Pursue is designed to allow you to take someone younger in the faith and help them immediately start discipling others using Pursue. In other words, Pursue is meant not only to make disciples, but to make disciples who make disciples.

As you begin on this journey with your interns, small group leaders, or willing students, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you both and to make you effective in the Kingdom of God.

3/3 process


Looking Back 	Looking Up 	Looking Forward 
<p>Care</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Celebrate Faithfulness</p> <p>Motivation & Encouragement</p>	<p>New Lesson</p> <div data-bbox="565 1816 1036 1915" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Blue for growth and health</p> </div> <div data-bbox="565 1936 1036 2034" style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> <p>Orange for mission & multiplication</p> </div>	<p>Preparing for the Mission</p> <p>Going on Mission</p> <p>Praying for the Mission</p>


How to Lead a Pursue

Model what you want the group to be.




- If you want honesty, be the first to share openly and personally.
- If you want the group to experience community, make a point of sending a quick text throughout the week to check on individual group members or just to say “hi.”
- Possibly set up a time to meet for coffee or lunch with a couple or individual you don’t know well.
- Stay in touch with the needs of the group and brainstorm opportunities to serve each other.
- PRAY. Foster a culture of praying for each other regularly, send a mid-week group text asking people to share prayer needs.

The Pursue Path is a simple way to equip and train believers using the Word of God. Its simplicity comes from the Three Thirds method that each Pursue is structured around. Understanding what makes each Third effective will help you, the mentor (Paul), lead each Pursue to point and encourage your mentee (Timothy) towards Christ.


 **Looking BACK** is the **FIRST THIRD** (25 minutes) and is a time to reflect on the previous week. Really it is just like anytime you get together, you take time to see how the week has been challenging and/or where we saw God at work. Use a couple of the questions provided to open conversation. Pray for each other and give God praise and ask for his help. Next have your mentee share what happened with their “I will.....by when” goals and celebrate what happened. Always encourage your mentee. God is at work in them and through them, but we often need someone to point it out to us. Make your words of encouragement personal pointing to one of their traits and not so much about what they have done. Close this section by praying for one another’s needs and asking the Lord to teach you through the Scripture. Read or summarize the Motivation paragraph aloud.

 **Looking UP** is the **SECOND THIRD** (25 minutes). You will turn to Scripture for the week’s lesson. As the mentor, read everything in advance so that you have an understanding of what the passage teaches and how it relates to the reading before you get together (probably an hour preparation).

Looking UP has sections called CONTEXT and SUMMARY. Read those two blocks or summarize them aloud. They set the scene and each main idea is well summarized at the bottom of the middle column. Start off by having them read the passage aloud. Have them put down their Bible or phone and ask them, “What caught your attention and why?”

Looking BACK	Looking UP	Looking FORWARD
 <p>Praise Read Psalm 118:28 “You are my God and I will praise you.” What can we thank or praise God for today?</p> <p>Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask each person to tell one highlight and explain one challenge they experienced this week.• Where have you seen God at work this week? Pray for each other’s needs. <p>Celebrate Faithfulness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask, “Have you ever told anyone about your decision to follow Christ?” <p>Motivation and Encouragement Cast vision for who they can become in Christ or what God can do through them.</p> <p>Example: The Bible tells us God’s desire is that all people are saved and come to understand the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). The gospel is not only for you but for all your friends and family. God loves them and will use you to pass on what you are learning about Jesus so that they can follow Jesus also. As we journey together, it will be exciting to see what God will do in the lives of those around us.</p>	 <p>Context God never keeps His children at arm’s length. God extends assurance of His salvation to all His children, at all times, with no exception. Jesus Christ is God’s only provision for man’s sin. Through Him you can know and experience God’s love and plan for your life.</p> <p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read or watch 1 John 5:11-13 two times as everyone listens. <p>Discovery Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What caught your attention (or what did you like best) and why?• What do we learn about God or people?• Why do you think this story is important?• How can we live differently now that we know this story (passage)? <p>Read, Tell and Correct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the passage again and share your story about when you came to faith in Christ. Then ask someone else to tell their story. <p>Summary On the cross Jesus, the good shepherd, laid down his life as a sacrifice for your sins. As one of his sheep, he wants you to know that you have eternal life and you will never perish. READ John 10:28-30 You are safe in his hands and no one, including Satan himself, can snatch you away.</p>	 <p>Preparing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Transferable Concept #1: How You Can Be Sure You Are A Christian and discuss with the group.• Ask/Discuss: If you were standing before God and He asked, “Why should I let you into heaven?” What would you say? <p>Pursuing</p> <p>Tell your faith story with a couple of good friends or relatives so you get comfortable sharing what Jesus has done for you. A big goal would be to share five times. Write your goal on the Next Steps Goal sheet.</p> <p>Praying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commit everyone’s goals to the Lord. Ask the Lord to help us be faithful and use us to start a movement of disciple-makers.
PURSUE - SENT 6:7 PURSUE 1: ASSURANCE OF SALVATION [1 JOHN 5:11-13]		

Ask them to not pick up their Bible—instead ask that they speak from what God is laying on their heart from the passage. This will train them to read with intentionality and to expect the Holy Spirit to speak to them through all Scripture (II Timothy 3:16-17). Ask, “What did we learn about God or people?” Discuss what they bring up; encourage them and to apply it to their lives! After this, read the passage one more time and ask them if they had missed anything. Often, they will bring up the main point of the text on their own, but if they don’t, be prepared to utilize the Scripture to lead them to the point of the Pursue. Once you have discussed it, read the Summary.

 **Looking FORWARD** is the **THIRD THIRD** (25 minutes). The purpose of this section is to equip and prepare both you and your mentee to live on mission for God the following week. If there is an article that goes along with the Pursue, discuss it in this section first. Ask them what they found important in the reading or what changed the way they thought. Discuss highlights from the article with them. Ask them to make a connection between the main scripture and the supplemental reading. Reference the “Preparing” heading for other tools, activities, or Scripture to prepare you both for God’s mission. God also calls us to make disciples of all nations; the Pursuing section focuses us on how and with whom we could share what was learned. Lastly, close in prayer, trusting God with your goals and the people whom you want to reach for the Lord.