

Small Group Questions: Find God

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Pastor Josh Surratt discusses the most important thing we will ever do in life: find God.

1. We need to know God better.
 - a. What does it mean to find God?
 - b. When and how did this happen in your life?
 - c. How would you describe your relationship with God at this point in your life?
 - d. What are some ways we can learn more about God and deepen our relationship with him?
2. We need to be reconciled.
 - a. What does it mean to be reconciled to God?
 - b. What prevents us from choosing God in different areas of our lives?
3. We need a new future.
 - a. In the video, you heard Pastor Josh mention “past blessings.” How do we benefit from remembering past blessings?
 - b. What is one step you will take this week to find God?

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Going Deeper (Optional: Here are a couple questions for groups who would like to dig deeper into the referenced Bible passages.)

Read: Joshua 24 and Romans 10:9

Once the Israelites occupy most of the Promised Land, Joshua assembles all the tribes at Shechem and reminds the people of God’s provision and goodness in the past. From the time of Abraham, God has been with them and proven his trustworthiness. He has freed them from slavery, sustained them in the wilderness, empowered them to conquer enemies, and given them a home and a country. In the Promised Land, a new era is about to begin in a new place—creating a new nation. To set the foundation, Joshua does as God asks: he gives the people a choice to renew their covenant relationship with God. The Israelites vow to never forsake the Lord. However, the challenge is that choosing to walk toward something often means choosing to walk away from something else.

1. In Joshua 20:15, Joshua offers the Israelites a choice to follow God. Why?
2. The Israelites always struggled to keep their commitment to God. Why do you think that is?

Small Group Questions: Grow Your Faith

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Pastor Josh Walters discusses four things that will help us grow our faith well:

1. We need other believers.
 - a. In addition to meeting in a small group, how can you encourage one another when you're not together?
 - b. How can you make an effort to be available for members of your group?
2. We need to study God's Word.
 - a. In what ways do your thoughts about God reflect who you are?
 - b. Have you established a regular rhythm in your day for reading the Bible? How can your small group help support you?
3. We can pray.
 - a. Why do you think God wants to have a conversation with us?
 - b. What have you learned about God through praying?
4. We can worship.
 - a. Why do you think it's important to God for his people to join together for regular worship?
 - b. What are some ways you can be intentional about getting to know God's family during a weekly worship service?

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Read: Matthew 13

In the parable of the man scattering seed, some of the seed fell on rocky places and some among thorns. Still other seed fell on good soil. The good soil produced a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.

1. How and where are you sowing and watering seeds so they produce a good crop?
2. How has sharing your faith encouraged others to grow theirs?

Small Group Questions: Discover Your Purpose

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Lisa Surratt talks about three ways we can discover our purpose:

1. See God's point of view.
 - a. Have you already discovered your purpose? Explain.
 - b. How will you use your gifts to help grow the Kingdom?
 - c. Who do you listen to when it comes to discovering your purpose?
2. See myself in community.
 - a. In Acts 6, the apostles begin to delegate responsibilities so they can give attention to prayer and spreading the Word. Why is it important to use your strengths to serve in the church?
 - b. What keeps you from using your gifts?
 - c. If you are serving in the church already, what have you learned about yourself?
3. See the start line.
 - a. Where do you feel like God is leading you to start using your gifts?
 - b. What is one step you can take this week to discover your purpose?

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Read: Matthew 4 and Acts 6

The Word of God spread rapidly after the disciples delegated some of the responsibilities of the church. They chose seven men who were full of Spirit and wisdom to carry out daily tasks like the distribution of food. This allowed them to reach people more effectively, and it increased the number of disciples in Jerusalem, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

1. God has gifted each of us uniquely. In reading about God's perspective in Matthew 4, how does this impact the way you view your purpose?
2. How are you supporting others to use their gifts to advance the Kingdom?

Small Group Questions: Make A Difference

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Pastor Greg Surratt discusses three ways we can make a difference:

1. Give your time.
 - a. What does the phrase “make a difference” mean to you?
 - b. When was the last time someone did something that “made a difference” in your life? How did this impact you?
 - c. In what ways are you able to give your time in an effort to make a difference?
2. Give your talents.
 - a. Do you believe God has uniquely equipped you and given you talents to use for his glory in the Kingdom of God? Explain.
 - b. Where have you seen fruit from using your talents?
3. Give your treasure.
 - a. What do you think of when you hear “where your treasure is, there your heart will also be?”
 - b. How can we find encouragement in yielding our treasure to God?
 - c. Which of the three areas of making a difference gives you the best opportunity for growth?

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Read: Matthew 25:34-40, 1 Corinthians 12:27

In Matthew 25:34-40, Jesus teaches that everyone will eventually stand before God. Those who serve the hungry and thirsty, who offer hospitality, take care of the sick, and visit those in prison will receive their inheritance in heaven. In doing this for the least of these, you did for Jesus.

1. When reading the passage from Matthew, what do you learn about God’s priorities in the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. First Corinthians 12:27 says we are all a part of Christ’s body. Based on this Scripture what role do you feel you are playing and why is it important for the greater good?