

RELENTLESS PURSUIT



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Relentless Pursuit, week 1

Align our hearts and will with the heart and will of God.

We believe people are insanely valuable!

- God showed how much he **loved us** by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is **real love**—not that we loved God, but that he **loved us** and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. - 1 John 4:9-10
- “You have never looked eyes with another human being who isn’t valuable to God.” - Bill Hybles
- Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” - Luke 15:1-2

The lost item was so valuable that it warranted a relentless search until found.

- Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. - Luke 5:31-32
- “The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.” - Abigail Van Buren

1. Continue to create a culture of groups.

- Circles are better than rows.
- “Who’s group are you in?”
- 2,100 people in groups by the end of 2016.

2. Expand our practical needs efforts.

- Locally
- Globally

3. Raise the value of service.

- I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. - John 13:15
- Increase the number of people serving from 500 to 1000 by the end of 2016.

4. Reach more people with the gospel.

- A multisite church is one church with multiple locations.

Will you join us?

1. Pray.
2. Serve.
3. Get in a group or lead a group.
4. Pursue your friends.
5. Participate financially.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING			
One Year New Testament	SUNDAY Luke 15:1-32	MONDAY Luke 16:1-18	TUESDAY Luke 16:19 - 17:10
This Week →	April 12	April 13	April 14
WEDNESDAY Luke 17:11-37	THURSDAY Luke 21:8-17	FRIDAY Luke 18:18-43	SATURDAY Luke 19:1-27
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: LUKE 5:31-32			

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

1. Briefly share your Emmanuel story. When did you first begin attending? Who invited you? What were the contributing factors to your decision to make Emmanuel your church?

2. Danny said, "Our desire has been to align our church with the heart and will of God." What are some ways our church shows a desire to mirror God's heart for people? How have you seen or experienced that for yourself?

READ Luke 15:1-24. What do these stories reveal about God's heart for people? What are some of the barriers that keep each of us from placing this type of value on others? What do these barriers reveal about our hearts and wills as individuals?

3. Over the next two years, our vision is to advance God's kingdom through four key initiatives – continuing to create a culture of groups, meeting more practical needs, getting more people engaged in serving, and reaching more people with the gospel. Which one of these initiatives excites you the most? Why?

READ Ephesians 2:10. According to this passage, why is it important for each of us to engage in the mission and vision of our church? When you look at the four key initiatives, where can you see yourself engaging more over the next two years? What kind of impact would that new level of commitment have on you and others?

4. READ 1 Corinthians 15:58. Danny challenged us to take action in several ways: Pray to see God's vision for our church fulfilled, join or lead a group, serve, give financially, and invite your friends.

Is there someone in your life you are relentlessly pursuing? If so, what steps are you taking to help connect them with Christ? If not, what do you need to do to begin your relentless pursuit? How do you need to rearrange your life in order to make others a priority?



Welcome to EMMANUEL CHURCH

Greenwood Campus
April 11 & 12, 2015

GUEST INFORMATION

Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering bucket. Thank you for being our guest!

As our guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in our offering. Instead we hope that you will receive our gift to you of a comfortable experience and a message that makes sense to you.

LARGE PRINT and HOLE PUNCHED BULLETINS are available at the Information Center in the lobby.

If you have any questions, please visit the Information Center. We would love to meet you!

FOR CHILDREN

Our nurseries and children's program offer a warm, caring, and fun atmosphere for your child. They will be well-supervised and have age-appropriate FUN! Check-in begins 25 minutes before each service.

Our Family Room (by the Information Center) is an option if your child is not comfortable in his or her age-appropriate classroom, or if he or she is restless or fussy in the main auditorium. A private Nursing Mothers Only room is available as you exit the auditorium to the right near the restrooms. A live video feed is available in both areas so you won't miss the service in progress.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

BANTA

1,122

GREENWOOD

5,338

TOTAL IMPACT

Both Campuses

Attendance: 6,460

Offering: \$93,647

March Attendance Averages: Banta - 727, Greenwood—3,014

March Giving Average: \$91,582

\$81,000 per week fully funds our Greenwood and Banta campuses.