

# RELENTLESS PURSUIT



## MESSAGE NOTES

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Relentless Pursuit, week 2

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

1. Become a church of groups.
2. Expand our practical needs efforts.
3. Raise the value of service.
4. Reach more people with the gospel.

Why would we do all of this?

God has given us a mission.

- Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20
- "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." - Luke 19:10
- A missional church defines and organizes itself around the idea that it is God's agent in the world to perform His will.

Paul is our example.

- But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus--the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. - Acts 20:24
- So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" - 2 Corinthians 5:20
- "Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter." - Charles H. Spurgeon

What is a disciple?

A disciple is a person who is becoming like Jesus.

- Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher. - Luke 6:40
- But the Holy Spirit produces the kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23

A disciple is a person who is helping others become like Jesus.

- Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." - John 20:21
- And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. - 2 Timothy 2:2

WEEKLY BIBLE READING			
One Year New Testament	SUNDAY Luke 19:28-48	MONDAY Luke 20:1-26	TUESDAY Luke 20:27-47
This Week →	April 19	April 20	April 21
WEDNESDAY Luke 21:1-28	THURSDAY Luke 21:29 - 22:13	FRIDAY Luke 22:14-34	SATURDAY Luke 22:35-53
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 28:18-20			

# FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

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

1. When was the last time you were 'on a mission' – to prepare to run a race, get out of debt, help a child improve his/her grades, fix your marriage, remodel a house, lose some weight, or anything else?

What things were you doing differently during that time? What are some ways your life was altered in order to fulfill your mission? Why did you choose to accept this 'mission', and make the necessary changes to continue to move forward?

2. Danny said, "A missional church defines and organizes itself around the idea that it is God's agent in the world to perform His will." READ Matthew 28:19-20. How do you feel about the mission, to go and make disciples, Jesus gave His followers? How has your understanding of this mission altered your life in the past?

READ 2 Corinthians 5:20. Based on this passage, what is the role of every Christ follower? What does it look like to be an "ambassador for Christ?"

READ Acts 20:24. Share some ways you have been influenced by someone who took this role and responsibility seriously.

3. READ Luke 6:40 and 2 Timothy 2:2. As these passages describe, a disciple is someone who is becoming like Jesus, and helping others become like Jesus. Based on this description, would you call yourself as a disciple? Why or why not?

4. READ John 20:21. The mission of the church is fulfilled through people like us, one person at a time. In what ways are you organizing your life around becoming like Jesus so that it is defined by this mission? What challenges or barriers do you face in helping others in their pursuit to become like Jesus?

What practical steps must you put in place in order to join us in God's mission to make disciples?



## Welcome to EMMANUEL CHURCH

Greenwood Campus  
April 18 & 19, 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

791

GREENWOOD

3,242

### TOTAL IMPACT

Both Campuses

Attendance: 4,033

Offering: \$76,352

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

*March Giving Average: \$91,582*

*\$91,000 per week fully funds our 2-Year Vision.*