

Discussion Guide

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Change Your Algorithm

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Main Idea

People are searching for everything and anything. Just go to Google and start typing something in and the search engine will complete the sentence with what people are looking for. What are you searching for? What does it mean to be a Christian

Anchor Verse:

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?” (Luke 24:5 NIV)

Read Luke 24:1-12

Remember and Return

We often look for life in the wrong places when what we truly need is to search for Jesus.

Read: Luke 24:1-9

Why is it so difficult to realize that as believers, we have resurrection power in us?

Look In and Lower Yourself

Peter ran to the tomb and stooped low to look in. We need to have a posture of humility.

Read: Luke 24:10-12; Hebrews 9:14-15; John 11:25; Luke 19:10

What does the algorithm of your searching reveal about your life?

SUMMARY

Your websearch algorithms determine the ads that will show up. Facebook will show you advertisements for products that you didn't know you needed. Similarly, the enemy will make recommendations to you, distract you, and lead you away from truth. You need to quit double clicking on his lies and change the algorithm of your life by changing what your looking for. You need to search for and focus on Jesus. That is where peace and hope are found.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Read Hebrews 9:14-15, John 11:25 and Luke 19:10, and journal what you learn about how God is searching for you.
2. Reflect on how many "windows" you have open in your life. What windows will you close so that you can regain the power of the Holy Spirit?
3. Pastor Wayne said that a "?" (question mark) is a depressed "!" (exclamation point). He's trying to bend your "?" back into an "!". Let Jesus clear your history and cleanse your conscious. Surrender your search to Him and let Him keep your power on!

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Icebreaker: Wild Goose Chase

In this scavenger hunt activity, your group can get out of your normal meeting space and explore your city in a whole new way. Together, you will need to think outside the box, bond as a group, and venture outside into the community in order to complete a series of fun and unique photo and video challenges. Have fun!

You'll need to tackle a list of challenges, including:

- Snap a photo of your team standing next to a large public clock that reads EXACTLY 22 minutes past the hour
- Search for a business that is open 24 hours 7 days a week and snap a photo of a team member with the sign showing the business' hours

- Snap a photo of a teammate next to a vehicle that has an “antique” or “collectible” license plate
- Head to a nearby playground and take a photo of your entire team balanced on a seesaw. Here’s the catch: everyone’s feet must be off the ground while balanced!
- Find a hopscotch course or use a piece of chalk to create your own on a sidewalk. Record a 5-second video of a teammate completing it
- Stage a martial arts battle with another team in a nearby park. Record a 5-second video of both teams facing each other (with plenty of space between you) and doing the famous crane kick

Add some of your own ideas and challenges to make it interesting and fit your specific location. When time runs out, the team with the most points will be named the winners!