



Study Guide: God's Pursuit & The Power of "Jesus is Enough"

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Scripture Focus	Speaker	Date
Mt 5:6, 1 John 4:19, Eph 4:11-16	Ron Murphy	1/18/2026

In this study, we explore the nature of our longing for God and the astonishing truth that our search is a response to His relentless love.

Core Truths for Reflection

1. The Priority of God's Pursuit

In this sermon, Ron highlighted the difference between our search for God and His original, passionate search for us

Key Scripture Focus:

- "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)
- The stories of the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-21) and the Prodigal Son's Father (Luke 15:20).

Reflection Questions:

- How often do I approach my faith as a tireless search for God versus an open reception of His pursuit of me?
- What might I be clinging to in my life that keeps me from recognizing the Father running toward me, regardless of my current condition (like the Prodigal Son)?

2. The Truth That Jesus Is Enough

A core principle discussed was the danger of answering the "am I enough?" question with the pronoun "I." Our acceptance comes from the righteousness of Jesus, not our own efforts.

Key Scripture Focus:

- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matthew 5:6)

Reflection Questions:

- When you think about your standing before God, do your thoughts start with "**I**" (what you've done, given, or avoided) or "**He**" (what Jesus has done)?
- What daily fear or worry might be fueled by the belief that you must be "good enough" on your own? How does truly believing "**Jesus is enough**" change that?

3. Giving Him Your Total Life

Ron concluded with a challenge to avoid the temptation of "squeezing God into a part of your life," but rather to give Him your total life and let Him squeeze you into His.

Key Scripture Focus:

- "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Reflection Questions:

- In which areas of your life—family, work, finances, or free time—are you trying to "squeeze" God in, rather than surrendering the whole area to Him?
- How does the concept of the Church as a united body, where "every joint supplies" (Ephesians 4:16), remind you that you are equipped for a specific, necessary work in His life?

Weekly Action Steps

1. **Read and Re-read the Beatitudes:** Take time each day this week to meditate on the concept of **hungering and thirsting for righteousness** (Matthew 5:6). How does this hunger drive you to rely more on Jesus?
2. **Practice the "He" Shift:** Whenever you find yourself thinking a self-critical thought about your faith or actions ("I didn't pray enough," "I'm not doing enough"), intentionally shift it to a "He" statement: "**He is the one who makes me righteous,**" "**He is the Good Shepherd who sought me out.**"
3. **Identify Your Supply:** Ron emphasized the importance of every member contributing to the body. Reflect on the unique gifts or time you have. If you are looking for a work or ministry, let the elders know, as they want to help put everyone to work in the service of our Lord.