

Group Leader Guide “Seek and Turn” - Revival November 22, 2020

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// Message Summary

If you met Jesus face to face today, are you satisfied with the life that you would lay before Him? Lead Pastor Jim Burgen tackles this question in week 4 of “**Revival**.” Overcoming the sin in your life begins with seeking the face of Jesus and aligning your life with what you find there.

// Biblical Context

Descriptions of Jesus: During the sermon, Jim used a series of descriptions to describe Jesus. These were all based in Scripture. Here are the references that correspond to these descriptions for further study:

–“The one who let go of equality with God, left Heaven and came here to serve you.”

Phillipians 2:6

–“The one who not only taught us what real, true love was, but demonstrated it.” **John**

15:13, Romans 5:8

–“The one who said religion kills but he gives life.” **John 10:10**

–“The one who got between religious, judgmental hypocrites and hurting men and women stuck and imprisoned by their shame and guilt and offered forgiveness and acceptance” **John 8:1-11**

–“The one who said, “no one takes my life. I lay it down by my own choice.” **John 10:18**

–“The one who never sinned but took my sin and your sin on himself and volunteered for the cross.” **2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 2:8**

–“The one who died and was buried in a tomb

and with His death our condemnation died.”

2 Peter 2:24

–“The one who rose on the third day, conquering death, just like He said that He would, and promised that if you will just trust Him, even if your body dies you will live forever with Him.” **Acts 2:24, Romans 8**

–“The one who loves you, who has never given up on you, has never left you or forsaken you.” **John 3:16, Genesis 28:15, Deuteronomy 31:6-8; Hebrews 13:5**

–“The one who pursued you when you wanted nothing to do with Him.” **Luke 19:10**

–“The one who knows every shameful detail and regret of your life, what you’ve done and what you will do, and it didn’t even cause Him to question one second whether or not you were worth loving and saving. He came running to you in your pit of despair.” **Luke 15:11-32, Lamentations 3:55-58**

–“The one held you together in the storm, in the trial, in the cancer, in the car wrecks, in the divorce, in the loneliness, in the depression, in the betrayal by those closest to you.” **2 Corinthians 12:9**

–“The one who gave you another chance, a new life, a new identity, called you a new creation, made it possible for you to call God your Father, Abba, Dad.” **2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:15**

–“The one who said...even though I’m leaving you physically, I’ll put my own Spirit in you, and even though I’m going to prepare a place for you, a Day is coming when I will come

back and you will see me again face to face.” **John 14**

// In Preparation

We are nearing the end of the group semester. This is week 11 of 12. Begin talking with your group, if you haven't already, about what you want group to look like between semesters. Some groups just keep on meeting like normal, while others take a break. Either way is great, but it's usually best to discuss it as a group. So, either carve out some time at your meeting or start a group text to figure it all out! But also be sure to find some time to rest as a group leader during the break!



Group Discussion Questions

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// Bible References

2 Chronicles 7:14-15; 2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Luke 5:8; Psalm 27:1, 8; Psalm 139:23-24; 2 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 22:20; Revelation 19:5-9

// Message Screenshots

- 2 Chronicles 7:14: If my people will...
 - 1) Humble ourselves
 - 2) Pray
 - 3) Seek God's face
 - 4) Turn from any wicked ways...THEN I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
- “Humble yourselves”: The obedient choice to let go of the old/past in order to take hold of something new and better in the future.
- “God, help me to want what you want and to be obedient even if I currently want something else. Not my will, but yours be done in my life.”
- “...seek the face of Jesus and turn from their wicked ways.”
- “The closer I get to the light, the more it reveals the darkness still in me.”
- Am I satisfied with the current life that I will lay before him?
- I want to spend the rest of my life seeking more of God's face in Jesus
- The point (purpose) of our lives is nothing other than lining up our lives with what we find in the face of Jesus.
- The same grace that saves us also gives us the strength to spend our lives truing up how we live our lives with what we find in the face of Jesus.
- The main purpose of your (saved and forgiven) life is to get ready to see and meet Jesus face to face.

// Community Questions

1. What kind of music do you like? What are your favorite songs right now?
2. What do you think of Jim's beard?

// Core Questions

1. How do you imagine the day you meet Jesus face to face? Excitement? Fear? Something else?
2. Are you satisfied with the current life that you will lay before Him?



3. What area or areas of your life have you intentionally held back from God?
4. How does this sin in your life hurt you or those around you?
5. Do you feel guilt or shame around that?
6. What is at risk, or what bad thing do you think will happen, if you *did* turn over that area of your life and seek His face instead (i.e., why haven't you already turned over this area of your life to God)?
7. What's at risk if you don't?
8. What good may come out of seeking God's face with that area of your life?
9. What is your current plan or practice for seeking the face of Jesus?

// Challenge

The challenge this week is to practice seeking the face of Jesus. Whatever your current plan or practice is for growing closer to Jesus, intensify it this week. Often we can get into "quiet time ruts" or think that there simply isn't anything else we can learn or way we can grow. But seeking His face is an active process. So, whatever it is that you do, take it a step further this week. Perhaps Jim mentioned something in his sermon about Jesus that interested you and you want to find out more. Maybe there's a new podcast you've heard about that you want to dive into but haven't had the time. Or, quite possibly, maybe you just haven't picked up your Bible in a while. Whatever it is for you, take some time this week to intentionally seek the face of Jesus and learn something new about Him!



Student Group Discussion Questions

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// Parent Resource

Take a moment to share with your Student a way that you seek God. Examples of these are Quiet time, bopping some praise and worship, praying, celebrating your gratitude for what He has given you, etc. Whats something fun you and your student can do together to seek God? Brainstorm.

// Discussion Questions

1. What is something you really wanted to “seek”? (Leaders feel free to throw a couple examples - asking a girl to homecoming back in my day you just asked but these days people GET in to it. Getting your Masters Degree..., etc. etc.)
How difficult or easy was it for you to seek something you really wanted?
2. Knowing what you reflected on earlier – how easy or difficult will it be for you to Seek God? (In prayer, scripture, fellowship) (feel free to re read **Psalm 27** verses- i.e. David knows God will not abandon him even tho his parents may)
Do you have an example of the goodness of God you saw when you sought him? (feel his presence, camp, worship, youth group)
3. Knowing what David called out to God “search me and know my heart” (feel free to read **Psalm 139** verses again) what does it look like for you to let God SEARCH your heart?
4. Read **2 Chronicles 7:14** Again. Remind and Encourage Students to memorize the Verse.
*Emphasize reflection on the two things we thought about earlier. Use **Psalm 139:23-24** as a good reference for prayer.

// Pray

Pray that God will stir in our hearts a desire to seek his Face even when it doesn’t sound “fun”, easy or we don’t necessarily want to. Pray that the Holy Spirit makes it easy for us to have courage to open our Bibles and study more and desire a more thoughtful time with Jesus.

// Leader Feedback

Please let us know how these questions went over in your group. Email your feedback to caleb_flowers@flatironschurch.com