

# MAKING DISCIPLES



## STUDY 01 SEEKING JESUS

TEACHER EDITION

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**Big Idea: God is seeking you and wants to be found by you. Jesus was sent so that we could find God and have a relationship with him. Key word: "awe"**

Teacher tip: The first two scriptures could be discussed in a fellowship time before the actual Bible study. They would be discussed to set up the study.

## Jeremiah 29:11-13

This is an amazing description of God's plan/intention for our lives. God has good will towards us: blessing, hope and a future. This should put us in "awe" of God.

God is seeking you in order to bless you. He wants good will for you. But there is one condition: God will be found only if you seek him with all your heart.

**Q. Have you ever done anything with all your heart?**

**Q. Will you commit to seek God with all your heart?**

## Acts 8:26-40

This is a great story of a God-seeking man who finds what he is looking for.

**Q. What are some principles of seeking God that you see here?**

- A seeking person prioritizes.
- A seeking person takes time to seek.
- A seeking person reads the Bible.
- A seeking person is humble to other followers of God.
- A seeking person responds eagerly to the word of God.

**Q. Are you willing to seek God by studying the Bible with us and on your own?**

Let's begin by studying about Jesus.

## John 1:1-5, 14, 18

**Q. What do you see here about Jesus?**

- Jesus is from eternity.
- He is the creator.
- He is God.
- Jesus was sent to us to reveal the God that he knew from an upfront, close relationship.

Teacher tip: If the seeker is uncertain whether Jesus really is God, go to other scriptures on his divinity such as Phil. 2:5-8, John 20:28, Col 2:9, John 8:58, Mark 2:1-12 (where Jesus has authority to forgive sins which only belongs to God), II Peter 1:1, Tit 2:13 and Romans 9:5.

## Mark 1:29-34

**Q. What do you see here about Jesus?**

- Jesus cared for both men and women.
- He cared for the sick, suffering and downtrodden.
- Jesus used his power as God in the flesh to help us.

## Mark 1:35-39

**Q. What do you see here about Jesus?**

- Even though Jesus was God in the flesh, he was still reliant on God his Father; he is not self-reliant.
- Jesus shared the message of salvation and reconciliation of man to God wherever he went.



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## Mark 1:40-45

**Q. What do you see here about Jesus?**

- Jesus came with the love and power of God and compassion for humanity.

**Q. What about this truth endears you to Jesus?**

## Mark 3:1-6

**Q. What do you see here about Jesus?**

- Jesus was persecuted.
- He was seen as a threatening authority to the religious establishment of his day.

**Q. Why do you think he was a threat?**

## Mark 4:35-41

**Q. What do you see here about Jesus?**

- Jesus had power over nature.

**Q. How do you think you would have reacted?**

Teacher tip: The purpose of these and other scriptures is to build faith in the seeker. Make sure they see the love and the power of Jesus in all these points.

## John 14:1-6

**Q. What do you see here about Jesus?**

- Jesus believed that he was more than a good man or teacher, but that he is the only way to the Father.

**Q. What do you think about his claim to be the only way to the Father?**

Teacher tip: Let the seeker know we are going to investigate why this is so.

## Conclusion

## Acts 17:24-28

Do you ever wonder why you are alive and what your purpose is in life?

**Q. How does this scripture answer these questions?**

- God created you to have a personal relationship with him.
- He has determined the times and the exact places where you have lived in order that you would seek him.

**Q. Why do you think the word “perhaps” is included?**

- God is expecting you to respond to his invitation to have a personal relationship with him.

It's not a coincidence that you are studying the Bible right now. It is part of God's plan for your life to be found by you.

**Q. Are you willing to seek him with your heart and with your time, by studying the Bible?**

Teacher tip: Make sure to set up another time for Bible study.

Additional Scriptures: Col 2:9; Is 53:1-12; Heb 4:14-16; 1 Jn 2:3-6; Is 11:1-9; Heb 1:13, 2:14-18; Ps 22:1-18; Mic 5:2; Acts 2:22-38; Jn 1:29; 1 Pet 2:21-25; Jn 20:26-28; Jn 20:30-31; Rom 9:5.

