



## YEAR 1—The God of Life: A Story of God's Redeeming Shalom

### Module 4—Coming Alive by Being Human: Jesus Stories on What it Means to Be Human and Fully Alive

#### Communal Experience: Fullness of Life Scavenger Hunt

### EXPERIENCE DESCRIPTION

Throughout this module we have been looking at stories from Jesus' life in which we are called into the fullness of life as his disciples. We have considered how Jesus invites us to become fully human by living in his way of life. All throughout we have considered how God's story is script that grounds our way of life in Jesus in which we discover the fullness of life.

Yet, we have also considered how there are other stories that attempt to tell us what the fullness of life consists of. The world is shaped by many stories and many claims as to what it means to be fully alive. For this experience you will travel around your city or area in a kind of scavenger hunt, looking for messages that promise the fullness of life.

### EXPERIENCE DIRECTIONS

Have everyone meet at one place. Decide ahead of time who will be driving and how many vehicles you will need. Also, as the leader have people divided up into smaller groups in order to speed up the process of getting on the road. Each car should have at least 3 people, if possible. One person should be supplied with a notepad and pen in order to write down what the group sees as they are out.

Instruct groups to look for different cultural messages that promise the fullness of life in some way. Cultural messages do not only have to be overt advertisements like billboards or ads on buses. They may come through the way people interact in public places, or the way people shop at local shopping malls. Simply send them out to see with eyes and ears open to how life is being lived and why. Make sure someone is writing down the group's observations. Encourage groups to go to places like:

- Malls
- Parks
- Public places like libraries
- Airports (if possible)

Make sure as they drive to different places they have the radio on to listen to advertisements and even what messages songs put forth. Also instruct them to be on the lookout for billboards and other ads.

Give them a set amount of time to be out. Make sure it is at least 90 minutes or more. Then gather back where you began and discuss the experience. Discuss using these questions:

- What were some of the most prevalent messages you encountered? What about less prevalent?
- Were you surprised by anything you saw?
- Did you recognize yourself in any of the messages you encountered?
- How were some of the messages consistent with what Jesus tells us about the fullness of life? How were they counter to Jesus way of life?
- How has this experience shaped you to be part of God's mission?