

He Relentlessly Pursues

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BIG IDEA: When God shows up He relentlessly pursues a **RELATIONSHIP** with us.

I. God wants to share a Relationship with us—not just a Ritual (Hosea 6:6).

II. God pursues a Relationship with us through His:

Good creation (Genesis 1:26-31)

Gap tactics (Genesis 4:17-26)

Group appeal (Genesis 12:1-3)

Grace enabling (Ezekiel 36:24-29)

taking it home

{ notes for small group, family & personal study
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keeping it real

1 Football is a game of relentless pursuit where the ball carrier is pursued until he is overtaken. Many of us love to watch or play this game. Which part is more fun for you, being the one in pursuit or the one being pursued? Why?

look at the book

2 Psalm 23:6 says, Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life. The word follow means to pursue with the intent to overtake. What evidence is there in your life that would indicate that God has been trying to overtake you with His goodness and mercy?

3 How and why do you think God relentlessly pursued the individuals below rather than simply giving up on them (select)? How difficult was it? What difference did it make?

" Jonah (Jonah 1-4)

" Gomer (Hosea 1-3)

" Esther (Esther 1-8)

" Peter (Luke 22:31-34, 54-62 & John 21)

" Saul/Paul (Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-19)

the next step

4 Since God is relentlessly pursuing a relationship with you do you find yourself running like the ball carrier giving Him the stiff-arm or do you find yourself running to Him? What do you need to do this Christmas season to allow Him to overtake you?

my next step this week is to:

- Complete the "taking it home" notes.
- Join us for a GO TEAM experience.
- Meet with a pastor to get more information about beginning a relationship with Jesus.
- Get information about joining a small group.
- Other _____