

## The Passionate Pursuit

"When we encounter God as He is, our lives are irrevocably transformed. As God crafts our lives to better know Him, we move from religion to relationship, from duty to passion, from frustration to power."

(Tim Ritter, *A Passionate Pursuit of God*)

Years ago, after the Dallas Cowboys had won the Super Bowl their coach Tom Landry made this observation. "The overwhelming emotion--in a few days among the players on the Dallas Cowboys football team -- was how empty that goal was. There must be something more."

**There is nothing else but God that will fill the emptiness in our soul.**

### Loving God, Loving People and Serving Jesus

➤ **Love is the nexus of our passionate pursuit**

**Read Matthew 22:36-40**

What does God establish as the priorities of life's pursuit?

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**Read Mark 10:43-45**

**Read Matthew 25:34-46**

What do these verses teach you about the life God “wills” for you to live (the life He intends and purposes)?

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How do these things – loving God, loving people, serving Jesus – play an essential role in our experience of following Jesus?

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### **Share what You Know with Other People**

➤ **The Good News about Jesus (the “gospel”)**

Jesus Christ is God Who took-on flesh in order to step into our time and space in order to rescue & redeem us from sin, and to reconcile & restore us in relationship with God.

As a result, anyone who believes and places their trust in Jesus will experience His life-transforming love, grace & power and the hope-filled promise of eternal life.



➤ **Tell Your Story**

**Read John 9:1; 10-11; 13-15; 24-25**

What was this man's story?

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- Your story communicates the Good News about Jesus
- Your story may have a central theme
- Your story will have a beginning, a middle and a present

**Tell your story. Work at writing your story so you would feel comfortable telling your story when God provides you with the opportunity.**

- Write out your story in detail (*when* your story begins, *where* your story took place, *what* were the circumstances, *how* your story unfolds, *why* it is important to you) in **750 words or less.**
- Write-out your story so you can tell your story in about **2½ - 3 minutes**
- Write-out your story so you can share your story in **60-90 seconds**
- Write-out your story so you can share your story in **30 seconds**



