

Discussion Guide

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Found → Faithful → Fruitful

On Purpose: Week 1

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Main Idea

This message centers on the conviction that found people find people. Jesus' mission—seen in Luke 19:10—was driven by unconditional love to seek and save the lost, and that same mission now belongs to us. When we truly experience His love, sharing it becomes a natural response, not an obligation. God doesn't require perfection—He looks for availability. Even our imperfect, awkward moments can be used by Him to reach others, reminding us that we weren't just found for ourselves, but to be part of someone else being found.

Achor Verse: *"We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin."* (Romans 6:6, NLT).

Read: Romans 10:14-15 and Luke 19:10

1. **FOUND PEOPLE DON'T HIDE THE LIGHT**

When Jesus finds you, His light in you is meant to be visible—not hidden—bringing hope, peace, and purpose into every space you enter. Found people live with intentionality, using every opportunity and every conversation to reflect Christ with wisdom and grace.

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16; Colossians 4:5-6

Discussion: Where in your daily life are you most tempted to "hide the light" (work, relationships, routines), and what's really driving that—fear, busyness, or comfort? What would it look like this week to intentionally "shine" in one specific conversation or moment, and what's stopping you from doing it?

2. **FOUND PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH HOPE**

Found people are filled with hope that transforms how they live, speak, and love—not because of who they are, but because of who is in them. When we stay rooted in God’s Word, that hope produces natural boldness, reminding us that we don’t have to be perfect—just available for God to work through us.

Scripture: Joshua 1:8-9

Discussion: If hope is truly shaping your life, where should it be showing up more clearly right now—in your attitude, your words, or your relationships? Be specific. What does your current time in God’s Word actually look like, and how might that be limiting (or fueling) your confidence and boldness to represent Jesus?

3. **YOUR STORY TODAY IS SOMEONE’S SURVIVAL GUIDE TOMORROW**

Your story isn’t just about what God did in you—it’s meant to bring hope, healing, and freedom to others. When you choose obedience over silence, God uses your testimony to break chains in your life and in the lives of those around you.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Discussion: What part of your story have you been hesitant to share, and what fear or belief is keeping you silent? Who in your life right now might need to hear your story, and what would it look like to take one step of obedience to share it this week?

We’re not just carriers of information, we’re carriers of transformation.

SUMMARY

Today we’ve been challenged to live out the reality that found people don’t keep Jesus to themselves—they shine His light, carry His hope, and share their story to impact others. When we stay rooted in God’s Word and walk in obedience, He uses our lives—imperfect but available—to bring transformation, healing, and freedom to those around us.

CALL TO ACTION

- **Shine Intentionally This Week** — Identify one specific environment (work, home, gym, etc.) where you’ve been holding back, and make a deliberate choice to reflect Christ through your attitude, words, or actions.
- **Roots Before Your Reach** — Commit to daily time in God’s Word this week (even 10–15 minutes), asking God to build your confidence and give you one person or opportunity to impact.

- **Share Your Story With One Person** — Think of one person in your life who needs hope, and take a step of obedience to share a part of your testimony or invite them into a spiritual conversation.
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GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Hide or Shine

How It Works (2–3 minutes max):

1. Have everyone stand up.
 2. Read a series of quick statements. After each one, they must choose:
 - **Hands over eyes = “Hide It”**
 - **Hands up = “Shine It”**
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Sample Statements:

- “Someone brings up faith at work...”
 - “You feel unqualified to speak up...”
 - “A friend is going through something hard...”
 - “You’re in a room where you don’t know anyone...”
 - “God opens an obvious door to talk about Him...”
 - Create 4-6 more of your own
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Transition:

Say:

“Interesting... we all have moments where we hide and moments where we shine. Today’s message is about choosing to shine—because found people don’t hide the light.”
