

Treasure Hunt



WEEK ONE

MON 10/25

- ✓ **SCRIPTURE** Philippians 4:19
- ✓ **THOUGHT** Is God your source? "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." [NIV] When we believe that God will meet our needs, we can relax and recognize the importance of showing generosity toward others.
- ✓ **PRAYER** God, I know you are the source of all good things. Thank you for the ways that you provide for me. Show me how I can be a blessing to someone else today because of your great love. Amen.

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TUES 10/26

- ✓ **SCRIPTURE** Luke 12:15
- ✓ **THOUGHT** How do you measure success? "Then he said, 'Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.'" [NLT] It is easy to get off-track with what we consider to be living "the good life." Consider what you view success to be. Ask God to shape your thoughts to reflect the character of Jesus.
- ✓ **PRAYER** God, I want our ideas of what success is to line up. Transform my thoughts and help me to fight the temptation to measure my life by possessions. Amen.

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WED 10/27

- ✓ **SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 11:25
- ✓ **THOUGHT** In need of refreshing? "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." [NIV] Jesus is described as "living water." We will be refreshed when we live the kind of life that Jesus lived. Ultimately, he gave all for us. How does that influence your generosity?
- ✓ **PRAYER** Christ Jesus, I want to live the kind of life that brings relief and refreshment to the people around me. Refresh my soul with your life-giving love today. Amen.

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THURS 10/28

- ✓ SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:7
- ✓ THOUGHT Give with joy! "Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver." [CEB] God wants our giving to come from a place of joy. One way we can become cheerful givers is to count our blessings! When we open our eyes to the ways God has blessed us, we are more apt to feel joy when we give back. Take a moment today to make a list of your blessings and then thank God for each one!
- ✓ PRAYER God, I am amazed when I consider all that you have done in my life. Your loving kindness inspires me to live joyfully and to express my gratitude. Help me be a cheerful giver. Amen.

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FRI 10/29

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Romans 8:31-32
- ✓ THOUGHT We have been given much. "What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?" [NLT] We can rely on God. He has demonstrated great love for us already and will continue to be faithful.
- ✓ PRAYER God, help me to always remember your faithfulness. Sometimes it is hard to be generous because I am afraid I won't have enough. Help me to trust you to provide. Amen.

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SAT 10/30

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 36:5
- ✓ THOUGHT God is faithful! "But your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies; your faithfulness reaches the clouds." [CEB] Take a moment today to say a breath prayer. As you inhale, say, "Faithful God," and as you exhale, say, "I trust in you." Repeat this several times throughout the day.
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, your gift of love is hard to comprehend. Thank you for always being faithful to me. Amen.

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GROUP GUIDE

- ✓ **PRAYER** **God, we acknowledge that you are already here. May our hearts be open to your presence and direction. Amen.**

- ✓ **BIG IDEA** **Generosity leads to true life for you and those around you. When we recognize that God is the ultimate source of blessing, we can begin to freely give to others.**

- ✓ **READ** **1 Timothy 6:18-19**

- ✓ **DISCUSS**
 - Have you ever considered what you would do if you suddenly acquired a large amount of money? Discuss.

 - In 1 Timothy 6:18-19, we find a command right off the bat. "Do good." If you had an abundance of money, how would this command influence your budget? Within your current budget, is there a small step forward you could take to show obedience in this area?

 - Think about a time when you needed support. Whether emotional, financial or otherwise, where did you find help? Consider for a moment what it took for the source of your help to be able to meet your need. How can you begin to adjust your own life to become a source of help for others?

 - Do you find it difficult to be trusting of others when it comes to offering your financial resources? If we see God as the source of all of our blessings, the resources we enjoy are blessings to share with others. How could that perspective shape your thoughts when it comes to giving freely?

 - Verse 19 tells us "By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life." [NLT] Generosity leads us to experience true life. Have you experienced what this is like even if on a small scale? Share with the group.

- ✓ **Pray** **God, you have shown us such generous love. We thank you for the ways you take care of us and provide for us. Help us to grow in our generosity and order our lives in such a way that we are ready, willing, and able to be a source of help and light for others. Amen.**