

Small Groups

Conversation Guide – Keep Searching

This week, Pastor Mark Pettus continued our *At the Movies* series with a message called Keep Searching. Through the movie, *Lion*, he shared the powerful true story of Saroo Brierley, a young boy from India who was separated from his family at five years old and spent decades searching for home. Through Saroo's journey, Pastor Mark reminded us that many of us know what it feels like to be lost, overwhelmed, or exhausted as we search for answers, healing, or direction. He connected Saroo's struggle with the honesty of Scripture, reading Psalm 69:3 NLT where David says, "I am exhausted from crying for help... waiting for my God to help me." Even in frustration, the message emphasized that God promises, "Those who search will surely find me" (Proverbs 8:17). Pastor Mark highlighted that God strengthens us when we feel weary, and that we will "see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13–14). He also reminded us of Galatians 6:9, encouraging us not to become weary in doing good, because God promises a harvest if we don't give up. Most importantly, he showed us from Luke 15 that while we are searching for God, God is already searching for us with compassion and love. The message closed with the assurance that no matter what we are facing or searching for today, God sees us, He is with us, and He will meet us in our search.

Make It Practical

- **Keep searching — God will meet you.** Scripture promises that when we seek God, we will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13). No amount of distance, confusion, or weariness can keep Him from meeting you.
- **If we don't quit, we win.** Searching can be emotionally and spiritually exhausting, but Galatians 6:9 encourages us that a harvest is coming if we don't give up. Keep taking small steps of faith.
- **Trust God more than your own understanding.** When life feels unclear, we are tempted to take control. Proverbs 3:5–6 reminds us to trust God fully, submit our ways to Him, and trust Him to make our paths straight.
- **Remember God is searching for you too.** Luke 15 shows a Father who runs toward His child with compassion. As you search for God's direction, hope, and peace, He is already pursuing you with love, restoration, and purpose.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

Talk About It

1. What part of this message personally resonated with you the most, and why?
2. Share a time in your life where you felt like you were in the “middle of the search” — where you need God's direction, peace, or strength?
3. Which scripture from today's message brings you the most hope in your search, and why?
4. What would it look like for you to trust God more fully in the area you're searching for answers right now?

Prayer

God, thank You that You never stop searching for us. When we feel weary, lost, or overwhelmed, You promise that those who seek You will find You. Strengthen us in every area where we are searching today. Bring healing to the hurting, hope to the discouraged, and peace to every anxious heart. Help us trust You with all our hearts and keep going even when we're tired. Thank You for being the Father who runs toward us with compassion, restores us, and welcomes us home. We place our search — and our lives — in Your hands. Amen.

Tips

As we continue *At the Movies*, be intentional about inviting someone who may be searching for hope or walking through a difficult season. This series is one of the most impactful ways to help people experience Jesus in a relatable, life-changing way.