“Dear Jesus, I want You in the center of my life and commit through Your power to serve and obey You. Anytime. Anywhere. At any cost. To do anything.”
This is a journey of discovery—a call to explore your relationship with Christ. It’s an invitation to start seeing sacrifice as something beautiful and to discover the joy of total commitment to Christ.

The Treasure Discovery Guide is your tool to get the most out of this experience. The sessions are based on three principles:

1. **Jesus taught truth through story.** Stories capture our imagination and teach us powerful lessons. In each session you’ll start with a story from the Bible and then watch an episode from the series. These stories will launch your discovery of the truth.

2. **Jesus’ followers learned truth through discovery.** They had ‘ah ha’ moments as they walked with Him. The questions in this guide will encourage you to think through what you believe. You won’t find an answer key in the back. Rely on the Holy Spirit, the ultimate teacher, and expect Him to lead you into the truth (John 16:13).

3. **We experience truth by living it.** If we stop short of action, we’re just filling our heads with biblical facts (James 2:17). The “Listen” and “Do” sections of each session are the most important. As you take action to live the truth, you’ll experience Jesus living out His mission through you, and nothing brings more joy than that!
What is the best gift you’ve ever been given? Why was it so special to you?

Invite God to speak to you.

Read Matthew 13:44-46. What stands out to you?

Episode 1: Treasure
Start by spending a few minutes in silent prayer. Ask God the following questions and listen for His direction:

- God, is anything holding me back from deeper commitment to You?
- God, what are You teaching me?
- What is one thing You want me to do this week?

Decide on your action step for this week. How will you remind yourself?

Share how you sensed God directing you as you listened to Him. Now spend time praying together, focusing on what God is asking you to do.

You may also share your thoughts, prayer requests and questions with one of our confidential online coaches. Find a coach at thelife.com/treasure.
BREATHE
LIVE IN THE SPIRIT

CONNECT

1. Describe your last New Year's resolution. How did it go?
2. How have you experienced God directing you recently?

STORY

Invite God to speak to you.

Read Romans 7:21-8:2. As you read about the Apostle Paul's struggle, which one word or phrase stands out?

Episode 2: Breathe
### DISCOVER

1. Which moment in the film was the most powerful for you?

2. Imagine you’re in a conversation and someone asks, “What’s easy about the Christian life? What’s hard about it?” How would you answer?

3. How would living the Life commitment change if you didn’t have the power of the Holy Spirit? Is the Spirit there to do things for you or are you living to do things for Him?

4. The Holy Spirit encourages, convicts, directs, produces fruit and empowers us to witness (John 14:16; John 16:8, 13-14; Acts 15:28; Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 1:8). How have you experienced the Holy Spirit? How do you want to experience Him more?

5. What difference would the practice of spiritual breathing make in your life? (See The Spirit-Filled Life at the back of this guide on page 48 for a definition.)

### LISTEN

Start by spending a few minutes in silent prayer. Ask God the following questions and listen for His direction:

1. How can I experience the power of Your Holy Spirit more?

2. God, what are You teaching me?

3. What is one thing You want me to do this week?

### DO

Decide on your action step for this week. How will you remind yourself?

### PRAY

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**Only Jesus perfectly obeyed God** anytime, anywhere, at any cost, to do anything, and even for Him it was difficult. You can’t do this on your own; that’s why God gave you His Spirit and He’s here right now. Take a moment to focus on listening to Him. You could hear something life-changing.
Describe a moving expression of love that you’ve witnessed.

How have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit since the last session?

Invite God to speak to you.

Read Luke 7:36-50. What do you think was going through the woman’s head? How about Simon? How did they feel?

Episode 3: Love
**LISTEN**

Start by spending a few minutes in silent prayer. Ask God the following questions and listen for His direction:

1. Who do you want me to express Your love to?
2. God, what are You teaching me?
3. What is one thing You want me to do this week?

**DO**

Decide on your action step for this week. How will you remind yourself?

**PRAY**

Share how you sensed God directing you as you listened to Him.

Now spend time praying together, focusing on what God is asking you to do.

*Head’s up! Session 7 will be a party where we celebrate what God has been doing in our lives. Start thinking of one or two people you could invite.*
SEE

CHOOSE REDEMPTIVE VISION

CONNECT

1 Describe a time when you were glad that your first impression of someone was wrong.

2 Share a step you’ve taken to love more like Jesus.

STORY

Invite God to speak to you.

Read Luke 19:1-10. What is your favorite part of the story?

Episode 4: See

SEE

CHOOSE REDEMPTIVE VISION
**LISTEN**

Start by spending a few minutes in silent prayer. Ask God the following questions and listen for His direction:

1. God, there are people in my life who don't know You. Who do You want me to start praying for?
2. God, what are You teaching me?
3. What is one thing You want me to do this week?

**DO**

Decide on your action step for this week. How will you remind yourself?

**PRAY**

Share how you sensed God directing you as you listened to Him.

Now spend time praying together, focusing on what God is asking you to do.

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**DISCOVER**

1. Which character do you feel is experiencing the most pain?
2. In what ways do you find it easy or hard to have meaningful relationships with people who don't follow Christ?
3. What does it mean to see people with a redemptive vision? Why is it sometimes a struggle to have that perspective?
4. How do you see your role in God's plan to save the world? Have you ever tried to share your faith? How did it go?
5. Think about someone in your life who is not a Christian. How could they change if they accepted Christ? How would it feel to be part of that transformation?

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**Jesus took great pleasure in seeking out lost people.** He genuinely loved them and saw past the labels to who they could become. Jesus invites us to join Him in His mission (Matt 28:19-20). What an honor! There is so much joy to be found when God uses you to reach others. That's when you'll discover the most incredible abundant life.
JOURNEY
HELP PEOPLE FIND JESUS

CONNECT

1. Share about one person who was influential in your decision to give your life to Jesus.

2. How has God encouraged you to see people differently since the last session?

STORY

Invite God to speak to you.

Read Acts 8:26-39. What were some of the things that had to happen for the Ethiopian man to become a believer?

Episode 5: Journey
### DISCOVER

1. Which evangelism experience do you relate to most?

2. How do you communicate the gospel* to the people around you? What do you find challenging?

3. The film introduces the concept of five spiritual thresholds**: Trusting a Christian, becoming curious, opening up to change, seeking after God and entering the Kingdom. How would this approach change the way you reach out to others with the gospel?

4. Last time you chose someone to pray for. Which threshold do you think your friend has reached on their journey?

5. How will you practically rely on the Holy Spirit to draw people to Jesus as you share your faith?

### LISTEN

Start by spending a few minutes in silent prayer. Ask God the following questions and listen for His direction:

1. God, how can I help this person move closer to You?

2. God, what are You teaching me?

3. What is one thing You want me to do this week?

### DO

Decide on your action step for this week. How will you remind yourself?

### PRAY

Share how you sensed God directing you as you listened to Him.

Now spend time praying together, focusing on what God is asking you to do.

"Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is doing" and build relationships with people who don't yet know Him. Sometimes He'll ask you to speak. Other times the Spirit will prompt you to listen. He'll call you to go out of your way to show love to someone. Just follow His lead. Sharing the gospel becomes a delight when you let go of the responsibility of “saving souls” and instead experience the joy of God working through you.

Our last session is coming up soon. Together we’ll celebrate what God has been doing in our lives. Make sure to set the date. To help you get ready for the celebration, look at the checklist for Session 7 on page 46. This week, take the time to invite one or two people.

* For a short gospel presentation see The Gospel on page 54.

** The concept of “spiritual thresholds” comes from Don Everts and Doug Schaupp. Used with permission. For more info see thelife.com/treasure.
I know the plans I have for you...
Planning to give you Hope and A future
JEREMIAH 29:11
What is one thing you’ve been told you’re good at?

What did you do to help your friend move closer to Jesus since the last session?

Invite God to speak to you.

Read Matthew 25:14-27. Why do you think Jesus tells His disciples this parable?

Episode 6: Inspire
### DISCOVER

| 1 | What is the most encouraging moment in the film for you? |
| 2 | Describe a gift or ability God has given you. How could you use that to introduce someone to Jesus? |
| 3 | Imagine you are using that gift to reach others. What could be scary about that? What could be amazing? |
| 4 | “Dear Jesus, I want You in the center of my life and commit through Your power to serve and obey You. Anytime. Anywhere. At any cost. To do anything.” What has God been teaching you about living out this commitment to Jesus? |
| 5 | Imagine getting to the end of your life and hearing Jesus say, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matt 25:23a). Who have you invested in? What have you done with the treasure Jesus gave you? |

**You’ve discovered something powerful:** Jesus is the treasure that’s worth everything. Now there’s an incredible journey ahead. With the Holy Spirit alive in you, you can help people discover the treasure of Jesus. When you do that, you’ll discover something mysterious: making Jesus known is the most deeply rewarding thing you can do with your life.

### LISTEN

Start by spending a few minutes in silent prayer. Ask God the following questions and listen for His direction:

| 1 | God, what are You teaching me? |
| 2 | God, thank you for this treasure. What do You want my life to look like? |

### DO

Decide on your action step for this week. How will you remind yourself?

### PRAY

Share how you sensed God directing you as you listened to Him.

Now spend time praying together, focusing on what God is asking you to do.

You’ll find five ways to keep going on page 45.

A great next step is to go through the study *Shine: Make Jesus Known*. This series walks you through a simple process that helps you share your faith with joy and confidence.

We’d love to hear about your experience with *Treasure*. If you have a story to share, or a question or comment, please get in touch at thelife.com/treasure.
CELEBRATE
SHARE THE TREASURE

CONNECT

1
When you hear the word "treasure," what's the first thing that pops into your head?

STORY

SHARE
Give a Life Card to each guest.

WATCH
Watch the trailer for Treasure or the first episode.

CELEBRATE
SHARE THE TREASURE
Have a few people share on one or both of these questions:

1. **What is one key discovery that you have made over the last six sessions?**

2. **How have you seen God starting to change your life?**

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**INVITE**

*Invite your guests to start their own Treasure journey.* Here are some options to get them started:

1. Tell them when the next *Treasure* group is starting. Your church may be running it, or one of you might start one.

2. Encourage them to go through *Treasure* online at thelife.com/treasure. They can do this on their own or with a study coach.

3. If there are people interested but you don’t know when the next group will start, get a list of names and contact info so you can get in touch later.
MULTIPLY YOUR TREASURE

Imagine what would happen if you helped others discover the treasure of Jesus. You could start a chain reaction of spiritual multiplication in your church, your family and your community.

Join the community. Sign-up on thelife.com to join a growing community of Christians dedicated to keeping Jesus at the center. Create your own training package, sign-up for The Life daily devotional and see what God is doing around the world.

Share your faith. Take the next set of training, Shine: Make Jesus Known, to learn how to help your friends move closer to Christ. You’ll learn how to listen and build trust, start spiritual conversations, share your faith story, guide a seeker, and communicate the gospel clearly.

Challenge a friend. Tell a friend about The Life commitment and explain how God has been changing you. Share how excited you are for them to experience that too. The Life card can be a really helpful tool here. You can order more cards at thelife.com/treasure.

Connect with one of your church’s leaders. Share what God has done in your life through Treasure. Lend him or her the Treasure DVD. They might even give you an opportunity to share your testimony with more people.

Start a new Treasure Group. It’s easy to launch a new Treasure Group. All you need is a comfortable room, a few willing friends and a little free time. If you’re nervous, ask a friend to co-lead with you. Bonus: you’ll learn even more yourself the second time around. To start strong, request your church’s support. You can order Treasure kits at thelife.com/treasure.
PREPARE TO CELEBRATE

You have a lot worth sharing! It could be a spiritual turning point or a time God used you in a special way. Or maybe a step you took to grow in faith or a change in the way you view your life. This is your opportunity to inspire others. Share what God has done in your life and introduce guests to this discovery series.

Here’s a short checklist to help you get ready:

- Decide who will host the party.
- Plan who will bring food and beverages.
- Find out approximately how many guests there will be.
- Find out who would like to share. See page 42.
- If you haven’t invited anyone yet, try to do that soon.
- Take a look at Session 7 to get a feel for the flow of the evening.
- Choose someone to lead the sharing time.
- Get someone to bring the Treasure DVD and the pack of Life Cards labelled “Save for Session 7” from your Treasure kit.
A LIFE NOT CENTERED ON CHRIST

Serving Jesus is not this person’s top priority. He or she grows very little in faith and often lives in frustration without the power of the Holy Spirit. This person may go to church, but Jesus is not at the center.

This person has invited Jesus into their life, but possessions, desires and interests are not centered on Christ.

This person might say:

- “I’m doing OK. No one’s perfect.”
- “I’ll get serious about Jesus one day.”
- “I feel stuck doing the same sins over and over.”
- “The Holy Spirit doesn’t feel real to me.”
- “I don’t have much joy in my Christian life.”

“The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions” (Galatians 5:17, NLT).

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT EXPERIENCE AS A CHRISTIAN?

DO YOU DESIRE MORE? Jesus said, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from His heart.’” (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into His glory.)” (John 7:37b-39, NLT).

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would satisfy the thirst and deepest longings of all who believe in Him. Jesus has so much more to offer you today. But to experience it, you’ll need to take a look at what you’ve been focusing your life on. Would you answer ‘yes’ to these questions?

1. Have you accepted Jesus into your life through faith?
   (If you can’t recall a time when you gave your life to Jesus, please read the gospel explanation on page 54)

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A LIFE CENTERED ON CHRIST

This person has placed Jesus at the center of their life—time, decisions, work, relationships, everything. It all belongs to Jesus. This person is growing spiritually and experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit by faith. They would pray this prayer:

“Dear Jesus, I want You in the center of my life and commit through Your power to serve and obey You. Anytime. Anywhere. At any cost. To do anything.”

Possessions, desires and interests are centered on Christ. This person still makes mistakes, but they’re quick to re-center their life on Christ through confession and trusting in God’s forgiveness.

This person would say:
- “What I want most is to follow Jesus.”
- “I can’t do this on my own, so I run to the Holy Spirit again and again.”
- “When I get sidetracked, I’m quick to make God the center again.”
- “Following Jesus is bringing me more and more joy.”

HOW TO LIVE DAILY IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When you center your life on Jesus, you begin to experience amazing joy. Life becomes full of meaning and purpose. God begins to change you from the inside out.

The best is yet to come. God desires to make our lives more and more abundant each day, but to experience that we need to rely on the Holy Spirit by faith. Here are three steps, with suggested prayers, to experience the power of the Holy Spirit every day.

Express your commitment to Jesus each morning (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; James 4:7; Romans 12:1).

“Dear Jesus, I want You in the center of my life and commit through Your power to serve and obey You. Anytime. Anywhere. At any cost. To do anything.”

Live in the freedom of forgiveness (2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 2:12; Colossians 1:13-14).

“Dear Jesus, I sinned against You when I __________. Thank you for forgiving me through Your sacrifice on the cross. I choose to center my life on You again.”

“So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves” (Galatians 5:16, NLT).

“Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives” (Galatians 5:25, NLT).
Rely on the Holy Spirit’s power by faith (Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:3; 1 Corinthians 2:12).

“I need Your help. I can’t do this alone. Give me strength by Your Spirit to love You with my whole being today and to love others like You do.”

LEARN TO ‘BREATHE’ SPIRITUALLY

Just as you need to constantly breathe physically, you need to breathe spiritually, too. You could try spiritual breathing to rely on the Holy Spirit by faith throughout your day. When you realize you’ve sinned, or when temptation, stress or doubt weighs on your mind, you can...

**Exhale:** Admit your sin to God—no excuses—take full responsibility for your mistake and resolve not to repeat it. Let go of worry, fear or self-reliance.

**Inhale:** Rely on God to fill you by His Spirit. Receive His hope, confidence, forgiveness and power to make better choices.

“Pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, NIV).

“Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives” (Galatians 5:25, NLT).

Jesus is offering you abundant, Spirit-filled life every single day. Take hold of that life by faith: keep Him the center, run to Him whenever you fall, start praying for everything you need. Become fully alive in Jesus!
THE GOSPEL

CREATED FOR LIFE

God created us for life to the fullest. To know Him personally, with nothing coming between. Never hurting others or being hurt. To enjoy the perfect world He made for us. To be alive with joy, purpose and meaning every day.

“Therefore the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Genesis 2:7).

SEPARATED FROM LIFE

But we weren’t content. The first human beings turned their backs on God and the amazing life He was offering. That’s how death and pain and evil and loneliness came into the world. With one rebellious choice, relationship with God was severed. “No fair,” we might say. But we’re all sinners. Deep down, we know we do the same thing: we like to put ourselves first, choose our own way over God’s.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

RESTORED FOR LIFE

It’s Jesus who can bring us back to life. On the cross, the Son of God took our death. He paid full price for all our rebellion and defeated evil. Then He proved it by coming back to life. Now He offers full, true life to anyone who’s willing to trust in Him and in what He did for us. It’s a free gift but it still costs us our pride. We’re saved when we stop trying to save ourselves and instead trust Jesus enough to give Him everything.

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10b).

“But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10).

CHOOSE LIFE

You have a choice. From this point on your life can go in one of two directions:

1. Stay in charge of your life, separated from the wonderful life Jesus is offering you.

OR

2. Give your life to Jesus and discover a relationship with God that starts to change you from the inside out. You’ll know purpose and meaning and experience the joy of being forgiven. You’ll start to find healing from your past and learn how to really love. You’ll be fully alive.
HOW TO CHOOSE THAT LIFE

- Tell God you are deeply sorry for your sins—that you’ve chosen to live your own way and hurt others.
- Acknowledge that Jesus died to pay for all the ways you’ve been selfish.
- Believe that Jesus rose from the dead to offer you new life.
- Ask Jesus to take control of your life so you can love others like He does.

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

SUGGESTED PRAYER

“God, I’ve done life my way for way too long. I believe that Jesus died to free me from my selfishness. Please forgive my sins. Thank you that Jesus didn’t stay dead. You raised Him to life. I accept the free gift of new life with You. My life is now Yours. Please help me live Your way. Amen.”
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What if the abundant life you’ve been searching for has been right in front of you all along?

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DISCOVER THE TREASURE WORTH EVERYTHING.

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BUT DON’T JUST LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.

JAMES 1:20 (NIV)

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