

VIDEO:

As you start using *Pursuit* in your ministry with students, check out this short **Tips & Training** video that's designed to help you get the most out of leading one of these lessons with your students.

- Click on this link or copy and paste it into your browser:
<http://vimeo.com/leadertreks/pursuit>

NOTES:

What is Pursuit? A change in perspective changes everything. *Pursuit* is a yearlong curriculum (52 lessons) based on the 8 Roots of Deep Discipleship that will help your students move beyond routine into relationship with God.

Relationships aren't one-sided, and it's no different in our relationship with God. He promises that if we draw near to him, he will draw near to us (James 4:8). And that's how we grow in spiritual maturity—by pursuing God, trusting his pursuit of us, and knowing him more.

God has you in this place, at this time, for a reason. God has a plan for these students and he has a plan for you. It's easy to get wrapped up in all the details of student ministry, but don't let those details overshadow the fact that God has you in this place, at this time, for a reason.

Check out the Facilitator Guide ahead of time. It's easy-to-follow and packed with extra notes, background info, and help for you. Look at the *A Second Look* illustrations and decide in advance which option works best for your group. Make a plan for follow-up using the included graphics.

Check out the Community Engagement Guide. The *Community Engagement Guide* provides Reaching Out and Growing Together experiential activities that help students live out what they're learning. Decide whether you'll incorporate these activities into your meeting times or use them as stand-alone events. **Student Leaders are a great resource for extra set-up help if you need it!*

Use a Study Bible. This will help you in all kinds of unexpected ways.

It's okay to not know an answer. Students have a way of asking the really hard questions. No matter how much we study and prep, there's almost always a question we don't know the answer to, and it's okay to say, "I don't know," and "can I get back to you on that?" In fact, a lot of students will appreciate your authenticity as you show them that it's okay to not have every answer to the Christian life.

Respond to vulnerability. When students give an answer or a thought, respond with encouragement: "that's a good point," "well put," "thanks for bringing that up." If one student's comments are met with silence, it's likely to lead to other students not sharing and more awkward silence.

Pray. Pray. Pray. God is in the business of transforming lives and changing hearts, and we get to be a part of it. As you prepare, ask God to use you and give you wisdom as you invest in these students.