

## **The Jesus Meal: God's Pursuit of Mankind**

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**Text:** John 3:16-17

### **God's Pursuit of Mankind Begins with the Fall**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ response
- God's pursuit is not based on \_\_\_\_\_

### **God Pursues His Resistant Children**

- God \_\_\_\_\_ our understanding
- When we resist, He pursues
- God's pursuit results in \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Ultimate Pursuit**

- God loves those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him
- Not to \_\_\_\_\_, but to \_\_\_\_\_

## **Life Enrichment**

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What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

**Your Story** – When you were a kid, what was the one thing you just couldn't live without? What would you do to get that one thing?

- How might our obsession with things be a warped reflection of God's image in us?
- Think of a time when you put a great deal of effort, resource, and energy into benefiting another person. How would you have responded if they acted in an ungrateful manner to your efforts?
- Why do you think God responds the way he does to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3? What does that tell us about God?
- If God does not base His pursuit of us on our goodness or performance, what does He base it on?
- Who are the people that you find most offensive right now? Why do you find them so offensive?
- How would you feel if God directed you to go to them and warn them to flee His judgment and receive His mercy? How would this expand your understanding and experience of God's mercy?
- What are some ways that God's pursuit of mankind is impacting your personal life? Your view of others? Your role in God's mercy mission?