

Treasure Hunt

What is a treasure hunt?

A treasure hunt in nature is pulled from the root text in Isaiah 45:3-

*And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness—
secret riches.*

*I will do this so you may know that I am the LORD,
the God of Israel, the one who calls you by name.*

The understanding is that we have been given the awesome privilege as believers to labor with God in bringing His children back to Himself by using our spiritual gifts (see 2 Corinthians 5: 18-21). God has hidden treasure, or “gold” if you will within each person walking this planet, because He has made us in His image. In each hunt to find treasure- it is our job to simply tap into His thoughts and share with individuals His perfect will and thoughts over their lives.

Who is a treasure hunter?

First we must understand that every believer has the ability to tap into God's thoughts toward any individual and any given time because we have been given the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). In Psalm 139, David tells us that God's thoughts toward mankind outnumber the grains of sand on the sea. As treasure hunters, we simply tap into those thoughts and release them through prophetic words. Jesus makes it very clear when he states “my sheep know my voice”. Every believer has the ability and privilege of hearing His words and releasing them to others.

What is prophesying?

1 Corinthians 14:3- 3But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

When we go out and prophesy over people's life, we are simply sharing what God has already spoken in His word about them. All prophesy brings strengthening, encouragement, and comfort. *Its important to understand that we are not operating in the office of a prophet (prophesying the future).*

While yes, God may hate the sin, but He has a passionate heart and jealous love for the sinner. Every treasure hunt, we as the Lord for a word of encouragement or word of knowledge (which is knowing something about a person, at a specific time that prior to them someone); when this is done the pre-Christian steps into a 1 Corinthians 14:24-25 experience.

How do I conduct a treasure hunt?

Your Crew::

Begin by breaking off into a small group or by your self

(having a person from the opposite sex is highly recommended, when ministering)

Your Map:

On a small paper, write down the following categories:

Name

Description

Location

Prayer need

Unusual (anything that doesn't fall within the other four)

The Clues:

- Go before the presence of the Lord for about 10 minutes and allow the Holy Spirit to download the details of the person you will be looking for.
- It's important to understand at this moment the Lord will begin shoot "random" thoughts through your mind. To you they may seem as if you're making them up, but the reality is that your simply tapping into His thoughts. Write them down without hesitation. **Do not reason out a description- this is the risk factor in our faith that is required to see any fruit in your hunt.** By faith you trust that the Lord is speaking to you in that moment.

Finding your treasure:

When you go out to find your person

- Approach the person in a friendly respectful manor (a smile goes a long way!)
- Introduce yourself and be genuine about what you are doing:

"Hi my name is John. And I'm from a student family on campus called Chi Alpha. Today we were praying and asking God to highlight certain people on our campus that He would like to speak to, and we believe you are that person".

- Show the person the description (let them get excited)
 - If you receive a negative word like "depression" for prayer need. Understand that God has entrusted you with their secret not to confirm what they already know, but to bring about His solution. People already knows what wrong with them, the problem is there are not enough people telling what God's heart is toward them. In this case, you would share a scripture on how the Lord desires to be the joy of his or her life.

- Give your person the specific words you received for them
 - Ask if you can pray for him/her
 - If you only got a description for the person and not any specific words still take advantage of the opportunity to pray for that person. Compare you list with another treasure hunter in your group. Many times the Holy Spirit will give a description of a person to one hunter, and the specific prayer need to another in your group.
 - When God uses you to give them a powerful encounter with Him, always offer them the opportunity to receive Jesus as their Lord and savior.
 - Prayer of salvation: Confess (that we are sinners in need of a Savior) Believe (that Jesus is our needed Savior) and Receive (him into our heart as our the Lord of our life). (See Roman 10:9-10)
 - Give them your contact information; link them to your ministry.
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