



I've Been Searching.....for **G**od  
I've Been Searching....for a **P**lace  
I've Been Searching.....for **S**ignificance

## **BiG IDEA C-GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

C-Groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

**10.23/24.10 // I've Been Searching....for Significance**

**BiG IDEA: *The most significant thing you'll ever do with your life is contributing your service, finances and influence to the cause of Christ.***

// **Ice Breaker** \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 1: What do society and media tell us about what it takes to be significant?**

**Option 2: How did you spend Halloween as a child?**

// **Questions for Discussion** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What would you say is the difference between success and significance?**

### **We Find Significance in Serving**

**2. Ephesians 2:10** We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**How do you think God prepares us, or shapes us, for the work He has planned for us?**

**We are saved by grace through faith FOR (not BY) good works. How do good works complement salvation by grace?**

**3. Romans 12:4–8** Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

**Why do we need everyone to participate in church?**

**What are some other God-given gifts that may not be listed here?**

**Is there a difference between a "natural" talent and a "supernatural" gift? How can God "sanctify" and use a "natural" talent?**

**What are some ways we can know what our gifts are?**

**4. 1 Peter 4:10** Each of us should use whatever gift he's received to serve others.

**Ask for volunteers in the group to share what their gifts are.**

**Then have group members share what gifts that they see others may have.**

**5. 1 Corinthians 15: 58** "Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for Him is a waste of time or effort".

**Matthew 20: 28** Jesus said, “Your attitude must be like My own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve.”

**What attitudes should we have when we serve?**

**Why should we have these attitudes and why does it matter?**

6. **Matthew 10: 42** And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”

**Why are the ‘small’ acts of service just as important as the ‘big’ ones?**

**What should our attitude be when no one notices?**

### We Find Significance in Giving

7. **1 Corinthians 16: 2** On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income....

**What are some reasons that we should we give to God?**

8. **2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 8** Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

**What should our attitude be toward giving?**

**What would be some ways to help us have the right attitude toward giving?**

### We Find Significance in Outreach

9. **James 1:27 (NKJV)** Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

**What could be some practical steps to do this?**

**How does Southpoint help us to help those in need?**

10. **Romans 10:9–10** Anyone who calls in the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him and how can they believe in him if they’ve never heard of him, and how can they hear about him unless somebody tells them?”

**Why is it important to tell friends, family and others about our faith?**

**What would be some ways we can share Jesus without putting others off?**

### // Application

**Read and commit to memory. Ephesians 2:10**

We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Ask yourself, ‘What will be your contribution for the cause of Christ?’**

**Who do you need to be a “somebody” to (Romans 10:10)?**

### // Prayer

- **That we understand the difference between success and significance.**
- **That we would find our place in serving the ministry of Jesus.**
- **That we be good servers, givers, and witnesses for the cause of Christ.**

