



The Chase
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Matthew 13, p. 684

My participation in the chase (Matthew 6:33) declares my understanding of kingdom values:

1. My participation in the chase declares the value I place upon the **Word of God** (Matthew 13:1-23).
2. My participation in the chase declares that **the end** is more important than **the beginning** (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50)
3. My participation in the chase declares I will not be disappointed with **small beginnings** (Matthew 13:31-32)
4. My participation in the chase declares I refuse to give up when **nothing appears to be happening** (Matthew 13:33-34)
5. My participation in the chase declares **God's value** to me (Matthew 13:44).
6. My participation in the chase declares **my value to God** (Matthew 13:45-46)

THE ONE THING: **God is chasing after me!**
(stop trying to outrun Him!)

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Matthew 13:45-46.
- Evaluate your chase.
- Let God catch you!
- I want to be baptized (August 11).

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 Which of the following most accurately pictures your view of God and why?
- a. Law enforcement officer
 - b. Grandpa
 - c. President or King
 - d. Spouse
 - e. Other

LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 The Bible goes to great lengths to picture Jesus from a variety of angles. How do these verses picture Him?
- a. Matthew 2:2, 27:11, 37
 - b. Mark 10:45
 - c. Luke 2:7-12, 24:36-39
 - d. John 1:1-14
 - e. Ephesians 5:25
 - f. Hebrews 4:15-16

- 3 Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:33 to chase after Him. Luke 19:10, John 15:16 and Psalm 23:6 indicate that God is the one who is chasing after me. Compare and contrast how you chase after God and how He chases after you. Is it encouraging or terrifying for you?

TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 Remind yourself each morning this week that God is lovingly and graciously pursuing you.

WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Your Grace is Enough](#)
[Even So Come](#)
[Good and Gracious King](#)
[My Jesus \(I Love Thee\)](#)
[O Come to the Altar](#)
[Great Things](#)

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