

Overview and Purpose of Treasure Hunts

I. HOW THE TREASURE HUNT WORKS

- A. Get into small groups of 4-8 people. One person is the designated facilitator.
- B. Everyone is responsible for looking, listening, and engaging people. The team facilitator will help make decisions when something is not clear to the team regarding location, engaging people and also help with any team pastoral issues.
- C. Develop your treasure map. Each team member asks the Holy Spirit for clues (words of knowledge). clues are in five general categories: *location, names, appearance, needs, the unusual*.
- D. The team listens to the Holy Spirit's directions as each team member shares their clues. Team facilitator helps guide this discussion.
- E. Choose an initial location which your team will visit.
- F. Once at a location, dialogue with Holy Spirit, look for clues and see who his highlighted. If nothing turns up, go to another location if time permits.
- G. *Engage people when 1-2 clues are met on your personal Treasure Map or 1-2 clues between two Treasure Maps.*
- H. Pray, prophesy, encourage people you have engaged in conversation. See what God is doing.
- I. When time is up, return to base to debrief what you and your team experienced, highs and lows. Think of a testimony you can share in ONE minute that would encourage people.

II. ELEVEN MAIN POINTS ABOUT TREASURE HUNTS

- A. "Treasure Hunts" mean that people are God's treasure and they are hidden in the world (Luke 15; Eph. 2:1-10). Luke 15 mentions a lost coin, lost sheep and a lost son that God wanted to save!

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? (Luke 15:4)

8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? (Luke 15:8)

20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him...."But the father said to

his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. (Luke 15:20-24)

B. Treasure Hunts combine the compassion and boldness of outreach with the prophetic gift in a team context.

1. Causing you to engage with people as we should do in our regular lives.
2. Causing you to listen to God, thus building a natural connection with the Holy Spirit.
3. Causing you to work on a team with other believers: listening, supporting, encouraging and submitting to one another in order to be most effective.

C. Treasure Hunts are Biblical. In prayer, Jesus saw Nathaniel before he met him. Later, the Lord told Ananias about Saul of Tarsus. (John 1:48-50; Acts 9:11-17. Cf. John 4:17-19, 39-41; Acts 16:18).

Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” [vision - word of knowledge]. You will see greater things than these.” (John 1:48-50)

So the Lord said to him [Ananias], “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus [word of knowledge], for behold, he is praying [word of knowledge]. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”... 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel... 17 And Ananias ... laying his hands on him [Saul] ... 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once [miracle]; and he arose and was baptized [conversion]. (Acts 9:11-18)

D. Treasure Hunts help us engage in the Great Commission. Jesus commanded us to *disciple the nations* (Mt. 28:16-20) while we *demonstrate the Kingdom* (Mk 16:15-18). They go together!

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore[c] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Mt. 28:18-20)

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it

will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” (Mk. 16:15-18)

- E. Treasure Hunts teach you the progression many people go through to come to Jesus: Encounter -> belief -> convert -> disciple. Some will choose not to believe even after numerous encounters. It’s not our job to convince, but to demonstrate and invite.
- F. Treasure Hunts teach us how to make outreach a “lifestyle” not just an “event”. You can learn to do missions every day wherever you go and see yourself as begin sent-out by God (Mt. 10:1-15; Mk 3:14-15; 6:7; Luke 10:1-12).
- G. Treasure Hunts spur us on to be *doers of the word*, not just hearers; ministers, not only spectators (James 5:22-25). We want to live the book of Acts and beyond, not just read about the stories (Acts 1:8; John 14:12; Dan. 11:32).

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. (James 5:22-25)

12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (John 14:12)

- H. Treasure Hunts focus primarily on the *Holy Spirit to open peoples’ hearts through supernatural works*, over debating or reasoning with someone to lead them to Jesus. It’s hard to argue with God’s existence when He heals you. God is raising up a generation to move in this. (1 Cor. 2:4-5, 10; 14:24-25; Rom. 2:4)

4 And my [Paul] speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (1 Cor. 2:4-5)

24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. 25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you. (1 Cor. 14:24-25)

- I. Treasure Hunts are not a formula for success. Treasure Hunts help us set aside time to encounter God with others. We make ourselves available to partner with God. Partnership means we agree with what God is already doing in a situation and with what He has prepared (Eph. 2:10)

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand [in advance - NIV] that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)

J. Treasure Hunts teach us that God scatters seeds everywhere: hard hearts, crowded hearts, eager but shallow hearts and open hearts (Mark 4:13-20).

The sower [Christian] sows the word [the gospel, encounter]. (Mark 4:14)

K. With Treasure Hunts, we will face some of our own personal issues and have to overcome them. As you overcome them you will grow in your identity as a son of God! The Lord takes delight in us even in our weak but sincere love. He highly values our overcoming. There are twenty-one rewards that Jesus gives to overcomers at the end of this age! (Rev. ch. 2-3).

26 He who overcomes and keeps My works until the end... 28 I will give him... (Rev. 2:26-28)

1. Pride -

- a. In my performance: I am doing really well because my clue got answered.
- b. In my performance: I am a better Christian than so-and-so because my clues worked.

2. Fear -

- a. Fear of abandonment: Is God's spirit really on me? Can He really use me?
- b. Fear of failure: What if I don't do things the right way or make a mistake?
- c. Fear of rejection: How will people treat me if I make a mistake? How will I treat myself?
- d. Fear of weakness: I don't want to step-out and feel vulnerable.
- e. Fear of being overwhelmed or uncertain: What do I do if things are too fast for me? Or if after this, I am not sure about my spiritual life?

III. HOW TO ENGAGE PEOPLE IN GROUPS

A. Approach people in groups of 3-4. Mixed gender groups are great, less threatening. The remainder of the team can be nearby doing something useful.

- B. The person who has the clues should be in the group. Bring your map.
- C. Smile. Be hospitable.
- D. Tell them you are in a Treasure Hunt and you think they are the treasure. Show them your map and appropriate clues.
- E. Build rapport: Share your name(s) and also ask for theirs.
- F. Let them know God loves them and has highlighted them because He wants to bless them today. Ask if you can pray for them.
- G. Pay attention to things they need help with and what God is doing. Step out in faith to pray for them for the needs they have.
- H. Depending on their response, a variety of things can happen.
 - 1. They are interested. Begin to prophesy and pray over them as led. Be normal and talk at a regular pace. Sometimes people talk faster when they are nervous.
 - 2. If they are disinterested / resistant: one or two people in the group can prophesy over them briefly. Encourage them. Don't be religious.
 - a. Ask again if you can pray for them.
 - (1) if response is "no" again, bless them and go on your way to your next clues.
 - (2) if "yes" begin to pray over them. Check in with them what God is doing. Prophesy over them.
- I. When the person is healed or says they are experiencing God in some way,
 - 1. Explain what is happening
 - 2. Explain what God is doing
 - 3. Ask them if they want to know Jesus personally
 - 4. Preach gospel, way of salvation and lead them to the Lord
 - 5. See how they can get connected to a local church that fits them best.
 - 6. Possibly pass-out contact info should they want to connect with a Christian later as they get connected to a local church (someone over 18 or appropriate to converse with them later).

IV. OTHER THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- A. If location is hard to come by, just pick the best idea you have. The Lord will work with it.

- B. Sometimes one clue will lead you to other clues or other people you need to find. There is always a big unknown all the time. The unknown feeling goes away when you see the Lord moving.
- C. Focus on obeying what impressions the Holy Spirit gives you versus “doing it right”. Just make yourself available.

V. ROLE PLAY

尋寶的簡介和目的

I. 如何進行尋寶

- A. 每4-8人一隊，指定其中一位作隊長。
- B. 每位隊員都有責任尋找，聆聽和接觸人；隊長負責在出現難題或狀況時做出決定，並成為遮蓋。
- C. 製作藏寶圖。每位隊員求問聖靈賜下線索（知識言語）。線索可分為五大類：地點，名字，外表特徵，代禱需要和不尋常的線索。
- D. 當每位隊員分享個人領受的線索時，隊友一同聆聽聖靈的指示，隊長負責帶領討論過程。
- E. 選擇一個地點，作為尋寶的開始。
- F. 抵達該地點後與聖靈對話，尋找線索和聖靈特別突顯的人。如果沒有任何收穫而時間許可，可前往另一地點。
- G. 當有人符合你個人藏寶圖上的1-2條線索，或符合兩張藏寶圖上的1-2條線索時，即可接觸此人。
- H. 為接觸的人禱告、發預言、鼓勵他，觀看神的作為。
- I. 尋寶時間結束時，返回基地報告你和隊員的經歷，無論好壞。預備長度約一分鐘，能激勵人的尋寶見證。

II. 關於尋寶的十一個要點

- A. 尋寶」所指的是：人是神的寶藏，被隱藏這在世界（路加福音15;弗2：1-10）。路加福音15章提及丟失的一塊錢、一隻走失的羊和迷失的兒子，都是神要拯救的！

4 「你們中間誰有一百隻羊失去一隻，不把這九十九隻撇在曠野，去找那失去的羊，直到找著呢？」
(路 15:4)

8 「或是一個婦人有十塊錢，若失落一塊，豈不點上燈，打掃屋子，細細地找，直到找著嗎？」 (路 15:8)

20 於是起來，往他父親那裡去。相離還遠，他父親看見，就動了慈心，跑去抱著他的頸項，連連與他親嘴。 21 兒子說：『父親，我得罪了天，又得罪了你。從今以後，我不配稱為你的兒子。』 22 父親卻吩咐僕人說：『把那上好的袍子快拿出來給他穿，把戒指戴在他指頭上，把鞋穿在他腳上， 23 把那肥牛犢牽來宰了，我們可以吃喝快樂！ 24 因為我這個兒子是死而復活，失而又得的。』他們就快樂起來。
(路 15:20-24)

B. 尋寶是在團隊中，結合對靈魂的愛與勇氣，以先知性的恩賜佈道。

1. 在日常生活中能向更多人傳福音。
2. 你會開始聆聽神，從而自然地與聖靈建立連結。
3. 有機會與其他基督徒同工：學習聆聽、互相支持、鼓勵和彼此順服，使整個團隊發揮最大效益。

C. 尋寶合乎聖經的教導。在遇見拿但業之前，耶穌已經在禱告中看見他。之後，主告訴亞那尼亞有關大數的掃羅的事情。(約1：48-50;徒9：11-17，參約4：17-19，39-41;徒16:18)。

48 拿但業對耶穌說：「你從哪裡知道我呢？」耶穌回答說：「腓力還沒有招呼你，你在無花果樹底下，我就看見你了 (異像 – 知識言語)。」 49 拿但業說：「拉比，你是神的兒子，你是以色列的王！」 50 耶穌對他說：「因為我說在無花果樹底下看見你，你就信嗎？你將要看見比這更大的事！」

11 主對他 (亞拿尼亞) 說：「起來！往直街去，在猶大的家裡訪問一個大數人，名叫掃羅 (知識言語)。他正禱告， 12 又看見了一個人，名叫亞拿尼亞，進來按手在他身上，叫他能看見。」 ... 15 主對亞拿尼亞說：「你只管去！他是我所揀選的器皿，要在外邦人和君王並以色列人面前宣揚我的名... 17 亞拿尼亞...把手按在掃羅身上... 18 掃羅的眼睛上好像有鱗立刻掉下來，他就能看見 (神蹟)。於是起來受了洗 (悔改歸主) (徒 9：11-18)

D. 尋寶幫助我們參與大使命。耶穌吩咐我們要去，使萬民作祂的門徒 (太28：16-20)，同時彰顯神國的權能 (可16：15-18)。這兩者是不可分割的！

18 耶穌進前來，對他們說：「天上地下所有的權柄都賜給我了。 19 所以你們要去，使萬民做我的門徒，奉父、子、聖靈的名給他們施洗， 20 凡我所吩咐你們的，都教訓他們遵守。我就常與你們同在，直到世界的末了。」 (太 28：18-20)

15他又對他們說：「你們往普天下去，傳福音給萬民聽。**16**信而受洗的必然得救，不信的必被定罪。**17**信的人必有神蹟隨著他們，就是：奉我的名趕鬼；說新方言；**18**手能拿蛇；若喝了什麼毒物，也必不受害；手按病人，病人就必好了。」（可 **16：15-18**）

- E. 尋寶教導你許多人來到耶穌面前的過程：與神相遇 ->產生信念 ->悔改歸主 ->成為門徒。有些人即使多次與神相遇，仍然選擇不信。我們的責任並不是去說服人，而是顯明神的國和邀請人進入。
- F. 尋寶教導我們如何使外展佈道成為一種「生活方式」，而不僅只是偶發的「事件」。你可以用此方式，隨時隨地向人傳福音，帶著從神而來的使命感（太10：1-15;可3：14-15;6：7;路10：1-12）。
- G. 尋寶驅使我們行道，而不是單單聽道；成為服事者，而不僅只是觀眾（雅1：22-25）。我們想活出、超越使徒行傳的經歷，不只是讀使徒們的故事（徒1：8;約14:12;但11:32）。

22只是你們要行道，不要單單聽道，自己欺哄自己。**23**因為聽道而不行道的，就像人對著鏡子看自己本來的面目，**24**看見，走後，隨即忘了他的相貌如何。**25**唯有詳細察看那全備、使人自由之律法的，並且時常如此，這人既不是聽了就忘，乃是實在行出來，就在他所行的事上必然得福。（雅 **1：22-25**）

12我實實在在地告訴你們：我所做的事，信我的人也要做，並且要做比這更大的事，因為我往父那裡去。（約 **14：12**）

- H. 尋寶的焦點在於，讓聖靈透過超自然的作為，打開人的心，而非藉由辯論或講道理領人歸主。當人經歷神的醫治，便很難否認祂的存在。神正在興起一整個世代，行在超自然領域裡。（林前2：4-5，10;14：24-25;羅2：4）

4我（保羅）說的話、講的道，不是用智慧委婉的言語，乃是用聖靈和大能的明證，**5**叫你們的信不在乎人的智慧，只在乎神的大能。

24若都做先知講道，偶然有不信的或是不通方言的人進來，就被眾人勸醒，被眾人審明，**25**他心裡的隱情顯露出來，就必將臉伏地敬拜神，說：「神真是在你們中間了！」（林前 **14：24-25**）

- I. 尋寶不是一個必然成功的公式。尋寶幫助我們預留時間，與他人一起遇見神。我們將自己擺上，與神同工。與神同工，代表我們認同神當時所成就的工作，和祂預備叫我們行的善工（弗2:10）

10我們原是他的工作，在基督耶穌裡造成的，為要叫我們行善，就是神所預備叫我們行的。（弗 **2：10**）

- J. 尋寶教導我們，神在各處撒種：剛硬的心、充滿世俗思慮的心、三分鐘熱度的心和敞開的心（可4：13-20）。

14撒種之人（基督徒）所撒的就是道（福音，與神會遇）。（可 **4：14**）

K. 在尋寶過程中，我們會面臨一些必須克服的個人問題。當你勝過它們，你會在神兒子的身份上更有長進！神悅納我們真誠的愛，即使這愛仍然軟弱。祂非常珍視我們的得勝，有二十一項獎賞是耶穌在末世的時候為得勝者預備的！（啟2-3章）。

²⁶ 那得勝又遵守我命令到底的，我要賜給他權柄制伏列國，²⁷ 他必用鐵杖轄管^[a]他們，將他們如同窯戶的瓦器打得粉碎，像我從我父領受的權柄一樣。²⁸ 我又要把晨星賜給他。（啟 2：26-28）

1. 驕傲 -

- a. 我的表現：我做得真好，因為我的線索有結果
- b. 我的表現：我比起某人是更好的基督徒，因為我的線索管用。

2. 懼怕 -

- a. 懼怕被遺棄：神的靈真的在我身上嗎？我真的能被神使用嗎？
- b. 懼怕失敗：如果我的做法不對，或是犯錯了怎麼辦？
- c. 懼怕被拒絕：如果我犯錯，人們將如何看待我？我將如何看待自己？
- d. 懼怕無力感：我不想跨出去，感到無助。
- e. 懼怕失控和不確定：如果事情發生太快，我該怎麼辦？或是在此之後，我信心動搖呢？

III. 如何以團隊形式去接觸人

- A. 以3-4人為一組，最好有男有女，可減少威脅感。該團隊的其他成員，可以在附近支援。
- B. 有線索的人應該要在隊上，要帶著藏寶圖。
- C. 微笑，要友善。
- D. 告訴接觸的對象你正在尋寶，而你認為他就是那個寶藏。向他展示你的藏寶圖和合適的線索。
- E. 建立關係：分享你（們）的名字，並詢問他們的名字。
- F. 讓他們知道神愛他們，特別指名了他們，因為祂想賜福他們。向他們徵詢，是否能為他們禱告。
- G. 注意他們的個人需要，和神正在做的事情。憑信心為他們的需要禱告。
- H. 根據他們的反應，事情的發展有幾種可能性。
 - 1. 他們表示感興趣：開始隨從聖靈的帶領為他們發預言和禱告。用正常的語調和速度說話。有些人一緊張，說話可能會比較快。

2. 如果他們表示不感興趣/抗拒：組中的一兩個人可以簡短地發預言來鼓勵他們，不要說教。
 - a. 再次詢問能否為他們禱告
 - (1) 如果答案仍然是「不要」，便祝福他們，並尋找下一個線索。
 - (2) 如果答案是「好」，便開始為他們禱告，再詢問他們神在他們身上有何作為，為他們發預言。
- I. 當被服事者得到醫治或以某種方式經歷神：
 1. 解釋所發生的事
 2. 解釋神在做什麼
 3. 問他們想不想認識耶穌
 4. 傳福音、得救的道，並領他們歸主
 5. 幫助他們聯繫適合他們的當地教會
 6. 可以給與該教會某位基督徒的聯絡資訊（18歲以上，適合與他們交談的人作為聯絡人）

IV. 其他注意事項

- A. 如果難以領受服事地點，可以挑選你們覺得最適合好的地點，神也可以動工。
- B. 有時一個線索會引你找到其他線索，或神要你找的人。每次尋寶總會面對極大的未知數，但當你看到主在動工後，不確定感就會消失。
- C. 專注於順服聖靈的感動，而非如何「做對」。只需擺上自己讓神使用。

V. 角色扮演