

“His Waze is Not Our Waze: God’s Pursuit”

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Slide 1 – Mobile app

When seeking a better less congested drive, I often pick up my phone and open up Waze. I know that a satellite view with foreknowledge of traffic and road conditions can offer me a more pleasant, stress free journey and a guarantee I’ll arrive at my destination.

Why do we trust mobile apps yet struggle with trusting God? He knows our past, present and future? He knows the plans He has for us and they are good plans. He is the one who loves us and is active in guiding us on our way.

Slide 2 - Creation

It all started with God

“In the beginning God...” Gen. 1:1

Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life...” John 1:3-4

“For in Him we live and move and have our being.” Acts 17:28

Slide 3 - dream

God pursues us

- God pursues through His **Spirit**

“An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid...” Matthew 1:20

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” Acts 2:17

Slide 4 - Bible

- God pursues through His **Word**

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God....The Word became flesh and lived among us.” John 1:1, 14

Slide 5 – Creation landscape

- God pursues through His **Creation**

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.” Romans 1:20

Slide 6 – rescue

- God pursues through His **people**

“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go....And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

Slide 7 - failure

- God pursues us even when we **fail**

“But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” Genesis 3:9

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them...” John 20:19

Slide 8 – Jesus return

God is coming again...still pursuing

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.” Revelation 1:7

Discussion Starters for Your Groups InCommon

1. How did God’s pursue you and how did that pursuit result in your salvation?
2. How has God continued to pursue you in a closer relationship?
3. Have you ever had a supernatural encounter with an angel, vision or dream?
4. How has God revealed Himself to you through the Bible, in nature or through people?