



IT'S PERSONAL

Do you know...?

Session 2: Do You Know What Matters To Me?

September 29-October 5, 2019

Hang Out (30 Minutes)

1. Ice Breakers: Remember, everyone has the right to pass on any question.
 - What do you enjoy doing?
 - What is something that has made you laugh?
 - What is one favorite childhood activity you wish you could do now?
2. Briefly remind people of the Life Group Agreement and plans for your next meeting.

Watch The Video (24 Minutes)

Watch the video if necessary. If everyone viewed the sermon before the meeting, add this time to your discussion.

Discuss (30 Minutes)

It's okay if you don't get to every question. Leaders, guide the group to the questions you think will be most helpful.

1. What stood out to you from Sunday's message?
2. Reggie Joiner writes, "Friendship is never convenient or easy. It almost always requires us to stop what we are doing - even when what we are doing is very important." Talk about a time when a friend stopped what they were doing to spend time with you. What difference did it make in your life?
3. Help each other to look up Psalm 139:1-18. After everyone has found the passage, have someone read it.
 - David describes his reaction to God's total knowledge of him (vv6, 17-18). How do you feel about God's total knowledge of you described in these verses 1-5 and 7-16?
 - If it is true that God has "ordained" all our days, how does this truth change the way you approach your day?
 - Read Psalm 37:4. God knows what matters to us. What encouragement does this verse bring to your life?

4. Read John 1:43-50. Consider verse 48. From this text what do you know what mattered to Nathanael? How does Jesus, knowing what mattered to Nathanael, value him?
5. This week, who might you intentionally engage another person through conversation and/or in what matters to them?

SUMMARY

The next step of getting personal with another person is to seek to understand what really matters. God already knows what really matters to us, the desires of our hearts. He promises to meet them. In Mark we read about an encounter between Jesus and a blind man. Jesus' first words to the man are a question, "What do you want me to do for you?" After noticing the blind man, Jesus got curious. He asked a question and drove the man into his deepest desires, "Rabbi," the man replied, "I want to see." He immediately received his sight and began to follow Jesus. (Mark 10:51-52)

When Jesus stopped for Zacchaeus, the blind man, and for all of us, he models deeper friendship and validates our worth. We in turn do the same for others. When we learn someone's name and begin to discover that person's interests, we begin to love them the way Jesus loves them and us.

Pray (5 Minutes)

Prayerfully read Psalm 139:23-24 aloud together as printed below:

Leader: Let us pray together:

Group: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

(Pause. In silence, share your anxious thoughts with God.)

Leader: We continue prayer,

Group: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

*What matters to you, matters to me.
You matter to me.
~Reggie Joiner*