

# **Community Study**

## **Session 2 Questions**

Ice-breaker: What're some of your favorite websites to spend time on?

1. What consumes most of your attention? If you were to percentage the attention you spend in a day, what would it look like?

2. Were you able to identify with the couple in the beginning of the reading this week? What does it feel like to speak to someone and feel like you're not being listened to?

3. Read Psalm 139.1-8. In what ways does God pay attention to us?

Jesus said that God knows every hair on our head. What does it make you feel knowing God knows you in such a way? Relief? Anxious? Freedom?

4. Can you recall a time in your life when you felt the attention of God? Where you felt God's presence so tangibly? Explain.

Have you ever had an experience where you couldn't feel God's attention in any way, shape, form, or fashion? What helped you overcome that time in your life?

5. In what ways can we pay attention to God? What ways are you attentive to God? (Reading the Bible? Praying? Music? Nature? Work? Serving?)

6. In Acts 3.1-10, Peter and John encounter a handicapped man whom society had cast out. When they happen upon him, Luke writes this:

*When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup>Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" <sup>5</sup>So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.*

Acts 3.3,4

What was the first act of compassion Peter and John had on the handicapped man?

Can you think of any folks in your life to whom you could pay more attention to?

7. Spend a few minutes reflecting on your significant relationships. On a scale of 1-5 (1 low and 5 high), how do you rate your present attentiveness level (noticing, remembering, listening)?

Close friends

Family members

Acquaintances

Those unlike you

What observations can you make about the way you rated yourself? Is there consistency, or are some scores significantly higher or lower than others?

Do you have any sense of what might be contributing to these patterns?

8. What improvements could you begin to pray about and implement in your life when it comes to paying attention to the people around you?