MIXTAPE WEEK 1 - GROUP DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever stopped to examined how you view, treat and interact with people who are different than you?

BIBLE REFERENCES

Selections from Psalm 139

- "O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me."
- "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!"
- "You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed."
- "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."
- "After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb..." (Revelation 7:9).

DISCUSSION

- 1. How does the psalmist words, that God knows everything about you, affect your view of God? Does it make you feel like he is "big brother"? Does it comfort you? Something else?
- 2. Why do you think most people believe they are right, specifically about how they view people who are not like them?
- 3. It is natural to gravitate toward people who are like you. What could you do to build bridges and relationships with people who are not like you?
- 4. What did you most need to hear in this talk?

SUGGESTED PRAYER

Father, you know us better than we know ourselves. Give us the humility to recognize that the way we see ourselves and the way we see others may not always be accurate. Then help us to change our mind and behaviors to be more aligned with how you see us and how you see others. Amen.