

Now What?

Week 3 - Brian Kangas
“In God’s Space”

Icebreaker: What “totally rad” expression did you overuse in high school?

Topics for Discussion:

- Read **Psalms 1**.
 - Some areas to focus on while you read:
 - Who are the wicked, sinners, and mockers being referred to?
 - What does it mean to delight in the law? Is it the ten commandments or something else? Is the natural order (or: creation) a law of God?
 - Verses 2 and 6 are speaking to a posture of the heart. What is that posture?
- Shifting gears slightly...It’s so easy to try to create a “formula” for spiritual success.
 $A + B \neq C$.
 - Instead, we need to recognize that we are each made unique to a purpose that God has for us, and to stand in awe of the awesomeness of God.
- This week we will spend some time as a group exploring the unique interests and abilities that each member has. If you have trouble seeing your own, your first instinct is often closer to the truth than continued thought, but help each other delve into and answer the question, “What makes me unique?”
- Once you have an answer (or many answers), turn the conversation toward how to serve God and His purpose with that uniqueness. Talk about ways to show awe and gratitude while doing or experiencing the areas of interest and abilities that each member of the group has.

Things to Consider:

- Avoid going down a conversation path that glorifies the individual over God. All good things come from God, especially the good things in us. Without Jesus, we are wretched (and probably dead) beings who lack hope. It’s not a fun thing to think about, but it is true.
- Our greatest joy is found in the Father.

Going Deeper:

- Our interests, hobbies, and abilities were not given to us for our enjoyment alone. Talk about some ways that the small group members can turn their God given uniqueness toward glorifying God (especially in service to others). Teaming one person’s uniqueness with another’s only magnifies the impact that can be made.

Prayer: Gather prayer requests from the small group members. Consider keeping a prayer journal for the group. Looking back on such a journal can help you see the movements of God in just your small circle and is a powerful reminder of his intentional love for us on a personal level.