

Community Group Discussion Questions

Series: A Hunger for God

Week 1: Affection & Attention

Opening Question (Icebreaker)

1. **What's something you've loved deeply in your life that required consistent attention to stay healthy?**
(A relationship, hobby, skill, or responsibility)

Part 1: Affection for God

2. **When you first heard the gospel—or first experienced God personally—what stirred your affection for Jesus?**
What stood out to you then?
3. The sermon said, "*Affection is where most relationships start.*"
What does affection for Jesus look like in everyday life—not just in church settings?
4. Jesus warns the church in Revelation 2 that they had “abandoned their first love.”
What are some signs that affection for Christ is fading, even when behavior or beliefs still look “right”?

Part 2: Attention Shapes Affection

5. The message stated: “*Where I give my attention is usually what gets my affection.*”
Do you see that pattern playing out in your own life right now? How?
6. Jehoshaphat prayed, “*We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you*” (2 Chron. 20:12).
What are your eyes on most days when life feels overwhelming or uncertain?
7. **What are some of the “cares of this world” that most commonly compete for your attention?**
(Busyness, success, anxiety, comfort, approval, media, etc.)

Part 3: The Danger of Distraction

8. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus says the word becomes unfruitful because of distraction, not rejection.
Why do you think distraction is such a subtle but powerful threat to faith?

9. The sermon described “affection without attention” as a trap.
What does that look like practically in the life of a Christian?
10. **Have you ever noticed your spiritual life cooling off—not because of sin, but because of neglect or distraction?**
What did that season teach you?

Part 4: Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

11. Hebrews 12 calls us to “*lay aside every weight.*”
What’s the difference between a sin and a weight? How do you tell which is which?
12. **What helps you personally fix your eyes on Jesus—especially in busy or anxious seasons?**
(Scripture, silence, prayer, fasting, worship, community, etc.)
13. Jesus invites us to *abide* in Him (John 15).
What does abiding look like in the rhythm of a normal week for you?

Part 5: Lent & Personal Response

14. Lent is being framed as a season to re-train our attention.
What might God be inviting you to fast from—or fast toward—during this season?
15. **What is one practical step you could take this week to give Jesus more of your attention?**
(Be specific and realistic.)

Closing Reflection & Prayer

16. **If affection for Jesus is the fire, and attention is the fuel—how would you describe your current spiritual flame?**
17. **How can this group help one another keep our eyes on Christ in the coming weeks?**

Close by inviting the group to pray silently or aloud, using Jehoshaphat’s prayer:

“Lord, we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.”