



## It's Personal: wk3 Empathy Matters

One of the biggest hindrances to personal ministry is that we are often so consumed with what we are doing in our daily lives that we don't notice those that are just on the periphery, waiting to be engaged by someone. If we are going to minister to them personally-we have to notice them.

### Discussion Questions

1. What's the experience like when you notice something that has been there for a long time but you've just recently realized it was there or existed? What keeps us from noticing things or even people?
2. If you have something really important coming up, how do you deal with distractions or interruptions by people that you are in close relationship with? Does that change when these things come from someone that you aren't already close with?
3. Can you think of a time when someone made time for you and they didn't have to? What was that like?
4. **Read Luke 18:35-43** When it mentions those leading the way-do you think those people were with Jesus or just part of the crowd? Why would Jesus have someone bring this man to him instead of him going over himself? Why would Jesus ask a blind man what he wanted?
5. Thinking about the Zacchaeus story- Why do you think Jesus noticed him? How did Jesus' noticing these men impact the way others saw them?
6. In the sermon Jeremy shared a quote about Jesus wanting us to act more like ushers than bouncers. What are some ways that Christians (or maybe you) have acted as one or the other? What's the difference?

**Shaping Your Mind** *Luke 18:41 "What do you want me to do for you?"...*

**Moving Forward** – *If you want to move from shallow living to becoming more personal, never underestimate the importance of the small stuff. – Reggie Joiner*