



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: Which would you rather have at the end of a long hot day: your favorite ice cream or favorite ice cold drink? Why?

- How did your week go as you took your next steps from last week's message on compassion? What God stories can you share with your group?
- What are some of the things that stunt your spiritual interest or curiosity? What surprised you most about the statistics Pastor Tom shared about the Bible and Biblical illiteracy? Which of the areas described describes you the best? What could you do to improve in that area? Would you describe yourself as a self-feeding Jesus follower or do you starve between Sunday services?
- Read Psalm 119:105, 1 Peter 2:2-3 and Psalm 119:101. In what ways do these verses *actually* describe your attitude toward God's Word and its priority in your life? How would you rather they described you? What are steps you could take to make that happen?
- Pick and read *three* of the accounts of how God's Word saturated Jesus' life from your message notes. As you think of your life, can you see a similar focus or passion on God's Word? What are some significant ways in which the truth of scripture shapes your everyday life?
- Read John 1:1 & 14, 14:6 and Matthew 24:35. How does the reality of Jesus' nature affect your desire to know Him more? How well do you know the truth who is Jesus? Have you said your own personal YES! to Christ as your Savior and Lord? What next steps do you need to take to increase the priority level you place on knowing Jesus more this week? How can your group assist you in this? (Group reading plan on YouVersion, daily accountability group text or email...what other ideas can you put into action?)

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Psalm 114

Day 2: Read Psalm 115

Day 3: Read Psalm 116

Day 4: Read Psalm 117

Day 5: Read Psalm 118

BECOMING INTERESTED

SENIOR PASTOR TOM LUNDEEN

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION // PERSONAL GUIDES

JULY 21, 2019



“Becoming Interested” **[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

MESSAGE NOTES

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(Kolstad)

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- Easter Week (_____ Sunday) - Note Matthew 21:1-5
- He _____ the Temple based on God's truth—Note Matthew 21:12-13
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So am I becoming...:

- Note John 1:1; 1 John 1:1
- Jesus is by very _____ truth (note John 14:6).
- So do you know this Jesus who is *the truth*?
- If you have said YES to Jesus as Lord, what priority does God's truth have in your life...?
- Are you more _____ to know God and His Word today than you were a month ago? A year ago? 2 years ago?
- Would “_____” describe your character?
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