



LIVE JESUS MINISTRIES

LJM TOP TWELVE (TT2) Do All People Matter To God?

PRAY

Start by utilizing the **PRAY** step of your mentor training.

CONNECT

Check In: Peaks, Pits & Prayer Intentions

Go around the group and ask:

- What's one **Peak** (high/victory) and one **Pit** (low/struggle) since we last met? (or a similar type question)
- What's something you want us to **pray for** today? (Write down intentions to pray for at the end)

Encourage honesty and vulnerability. After everyone shares, affirm and thank them for sharing.

DISCUSS

Content References

- **Gn 1:27** – God created each one of us in His own image; we are the only creatures made for God, all other creatures are made for us, which shows our unique dignity.
 - **Ps. 139** – God's intimate knowledge of every detail of our lives conveys that He cares deeply.
 - **CCC 1934** – “Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude; all therefore enjoy an equal dignity.”
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Discussion Questions

Q1: Do you think all people matter to God?

- What do you think it means to matter to God?
 - From your own experience, how closely do you think God interacts with His creation?
 *Mentor Tip: Consider sharing the concept of deism. Deism: God is like a watchmaker who places all the gears and springs and starts the watch, but then sits back as it runs on its own. Biblical view: God is personal and continually interacts with His creation.*
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Q2: Does God ever stop caring about certain people?

- If people are indifferent or in opposition to God, do they stop mattering to Him? Does He “put them on pause?”
 *Mentor Tip: How might the sacrament of reconciliation come into play here?*
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Q3: Why do you think some people might feel like they don't matter to God?

- Have you ever felt like *you* didn't matter to God? What made you feel that way?
 - How do things like race, wealth, gender, or social status affect how people perceive God's love for them?
 - How can we help others know they matter to God?
 *Mentor Tip: Hold space for them to freely share feelings of abandonment or lack of worth. If everyone is made in His image and likeness, then everyone has inherent value; they matter to God.*
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Cornerstone Statement

Every single person matters to God. God created each of us out of love in His image and likeness to be united with Him forever. “God is love” (Jn 4:16), which means God can't *not* love us at every moment. It is only our own perceptions that get in the way. God sees the goodness in us even when we don't see it in ourselves.

COMMIT

- Until our next meeting, pick someone you dislike or “don't care for” and try to see him or her through God's eyes. Pray for them by name everyday. For their well being, relationship with God, and to know they are loved.

Close in prayer. (Pray for the intentions spoken earlier. Have each person pray for the person next to them, etc)