



**Still Room For Wonder Series**  
**Small Group Material**  
**Participant Guide**

**Part 2 - "Not Just Nothing"**  
**December 3rd, 2017**

**Bottom Line:** *The first step in seeking first the Kingdom is first seeking the King.*

**Study Verses:** *Psalm 10:3-4, Isaiah 51:1, Matthew 2:1-2, Numbers 24:17, Matthew 6:33-34*

**Key Points**

- *Pride prevents pursuit.*
- *We can't just notice Him; we must seek Him.*
- *We see through the lens of what we want the most.*
- *Seeking first the kingdom of God is an invitation to align our heart with, not only what it wants, but what it was made for.*
- *When expression is hard, pursuit becomes essential. If things have become stale, the call isn't to work harder, but to worship.*
- *What you look at will determine what you wonder.*
- *Gratitude helps us measure the depth to which Christ is being formed in our hearts.*
- *We love serving others up to the point when it impedes on our will.*
- *It's easier to stay busy than dealing with the things that emerge when we slow down and become still.*
- *When we get still, we often get restless.*
- *We are made to be moved.*

## **ENCOUNTER**

- How do you tend to react when things become stale in your relationship with Christ? Why do you react in this way and how has this reaction influenced the connection you were searching for?
- In what ways is "seek first the Kingdom of God" both a command and an invitation?
- What is the difference between seeing God and seeking Him? Which one is more proactive and intentional?

## **FORMATION**

- Read Psalm 10:3-4. How does our pride inhibit our willingness to pursue God?
- Read Numbers 24:17 and Matthew 2:1-2. What allowed the wise men to see the star that led them to Jesus? What does it mean that they had expectant eyes?
- Read Isaiah 51:1 and Matthew 6:33. Which part moves you: (1) seek first His Kingdom or (2) all these things will be given to you as well? Why do you answer in the way that you do?

## **EXPRESSION**

- Read Matthew 6:34. How does our propensity to worry influence our ability to worship? Where is worry consuming your thoughts? How can worship and seeking Him be utilized to combat those things?
- We see through the lens of what we want the most. If this statement is true, what lens are you currently using to view the world around you? Why are you seeing things from this perspective?
- What are some signs that alert us to our desires morphing into things we are demanding from God to fulfill? Where have your desires become demands? What caused this change?