

Sermon Notes

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

This week we discussed why God wants to get our attention? When we see the landscape of our culture and ask the question, *“What in the world is going on?”*, that is a signal that God is wanting to gain our attention. As Christians, we may wrongly think that God is simply upset at non-believers and is ready to punish them, but the fact remains that He cares so much about us as His children that He wants our hearts to be completely centered on Him. As you listen to this sermon and review the notes, it is our hope that God will get your attention and that you will respond in faith.

Here are the notes from this past weekend...

Do I Have Your Attention Yet?

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

God desires to get our attention so that...

We will represent Him in our worship

We will seek His presence in humility

We will repent of our sins

He will operate to the full on our behalf

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week, you can [watch it here](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group, now is a great time to get involved. Please go to our [online Small Group platform](#) to connect with a group that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why can't we simply take the promises of 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 and simply apply them to America? Why are we able to take the promises of this Old Testament text and apply it to God's people today? (2 Corinthians 1:20a)
2. What is God's primary reason for wanting to gain our attention? What is worship, and why is our worship so important to God?
3. Where does our worship start? Why is our inner passion for God primary for our outward expression? Is it possible to go through the motions in worship?

4. Where do you give your allegiance other than to God in your worship? What is the allurements to the idols that you worship? How long have you not been pure in your worship? What needs to change?
5. If every part of your life is an expression of your worship, then how would God presently grade your worship of Him? (Colossians 3:17,23)
6. What does it mean to seek God's face? Why is seeking His presence so important if He never leaves or forsakes us?
7. How has your walk with Christ become cavalier in your pursuit of Him? Why isn't the Christian life a passive pursuit?
8. How would you describe your pursuit of the Lord? What is hindering your complete and total pursuit of Christ?
9. Why is humility a prerequisite for pursuing Christ? (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6) How does approaching God in humility rather than with pride make a difference? Explain.
10. Why is repentance so important to our ongoing life with Christ? Why is repentance a gift? What does the gift of repentance tell us about God's character? (Romans 2:4)
11. When was the last time you repented? What's the difference between genuine repentance and simply being caught? (2 Corinthians 7:10) If it's been a while since you have repented, is that because you no longer sin or because you no longer pursue God?
12. Why are worship, prayer, and repentance foundational to seeing God work?
13. What might God do if His people spent time worshipping, seeking, and repenting? (Ephesians 3:20)
14. What specific take away did you make this week? What do you need to stop doing, start doing or start doing differently in order to grow in your worship, prayer, and repentance?