

**MEMORY VERSE:** “So don’t be afraid. You are worth much more than many sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NCV)

***\*\*\*Remember to listen to this week’s sermon, review the Sermon Notes Sheet and complete the discussion questions before attending your Connexion Group.***

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Each of us want to matter—whether we strive for international fame or simply desire the love and respect of those we know. When we find that we have been overlooked, forgotten, or abandoned, it hurts deeply. Thus, we can begin to believe we’re worth nothing, we’ll never matter, and we’ll never make a difference.

In this week’s sermon and Connexion Group Lesson, we will discover that we can live a fearless life, despite what others may think of us, because we deeply matter to God.

## **OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Describe a time in which you were stifled by feeling that you did not matter.

## **GROUP LESSON DISCUSSION**

1. What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging from this week’s sermon?
2. Read out loud as a group, Matthew 10: 29-31(NLT) and take a poll: do you feel that God cares deeply about you as an individual?

Have you ever felt like a fifth sparrow—indistinct, dispensable, disposable, worthless?

3. Why might there be a connection between our desire to matter and our desire for designer clothing, luxury automobiles, expensive jewelry and watches, leadership positions and titles?

What are some things you do to make yourself feel important?

4. Describe a time when fear of insignificance sabotaged your dreams.

Looking back, what would you have done differently in that situation?

5. Can you recall a time you communicated to someone that they mattered?

Do you feel that it is your responsibility to help those who need reminders to know that they matter and that God deeply loves them?

### **Next steps**

This week, read the following verses and in your journal, write a statement for each about your value and the value of in God's eyes.

1. Psalm 139:14-15
2. Psalm 139:18
3. Ephesians 2:10
4. Matthew 10:29-31
5. Luke 12:6-7
6. Romans 5:6-8
7. Ephesians 4:29