



The Laying Foundations (Phase II) materials is divided into 3 series: 1) Knowing God, 2) Understanding People and 3) Growing Spiritually. Inside you will find a Small Group Study excerpt from Understanding People, as well as the Table of Contents of all of the Small Group Studies.

Excerpt from Small Group Study #2 Understanding People

## THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH PERSON

Leader

### GOAL:

For a disciple to appreciate his own positive uniqueness as a person created in the image of God.

### GETTING STARTED:

During our teenage years, our bodies and personalities undergo significant development and change. During your teenage years, what uniquely set you apart from your peers?

- The style of your hair
- The pitch of your voice
- The car you drove
- Your extra-curricular activities
- A special talent
- Your personality
- The clothes you wore
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Transition: In today's lesson, we will learn to appreciate the unique way that God has created each of us.

### STUDYING TOGETHER:

Read Psalm 139:13-15

1. What do you think David meant by "inmost being?" *The term that David uses means "kidneys." This is a Hebrew idiom that refers to the center of our emotions and also to our moral sensitivity. Not only did God design my outward appearance, but He was also shaping my personality.*
2. Why did David praise God in verse 14? *He praised God for the way he was formed in His mother's womb. David gave praise because he knew God didn't see him as an afterthought, but rather a wonderful creation.*

3. David considered God's creative "works" as "wonderful." As you think about your personality and the way your body functions, would you consider God's creative work in you as "wonderful"? Why or why not?
  
4. Even though all people are made in God's image, we are all unique. Which of the following categories of differences apply to all people and which ones apply only to Christians? *Spiritual gifts and spiritual calling apply to Christians. The others apply to everyone.*

- roles
- personality
- spiritual gifts
- passion
- talent
- spiritual calling
- physical appearance

*Note: At Phase II we mention spiritual gifts, but do not emphasize them or talk with disciples about finding their spiritual gifts. Believers need to get grounded in their relationship with Jesus before thinking about their gifts used to serve the Body. If a question arises, it should be answered but an in depth discussion should be deferred until later.*

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