

ATHENS CHURCH INSIDEOUT & XTREME



CURRENT SERIES:

Not That Into You
Week 3: Do You Know Me?



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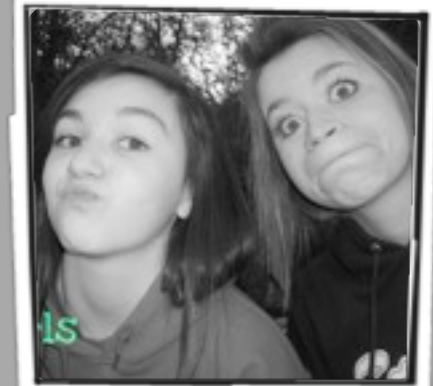
→ Help us collect **The Mix** registration forms from your students! Encourage them to get them turned in ASAP!

CALENDAR:

- THE MIX- February 26-28
- Double Dog-Dare-a-thon- January 23 from 8-10 PM. Results and prizes will be given Sunday morning- January 24 -at InsideOut & Xtreme!

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Not That Into You: Do You Know Me?

Bottom Line: When I am so focused on me, I can miss seeing God for who He really is and make Him into someone who is easy to walk away from.

Message Overview:

After last week's message, many of our students went home and really went for it in their relationship with God. Many of our students made it a point that they were going to fight for their relationship with God. They prayed every night, they read their Bible more so than they have in years, they journaled, they served, or tried some other form of spiritual discipline. With that said, some of those students felt a change in their hearts, they felt something change in their lives—something was different but it was good. Then there were some of those students who felt nothing. No different than before. Well what is the point to fight for something if you're not going to get anywhere? The issue became that many of our students are stuck with a 'me-mentality.' **The goal today is for your students to realize that when they are focus on themselves, their own circumstances, their own desires, they will miss seeing God for who he really is thus easier to walk away from.** Our God is bigger. For us, it is more important to know God instead of knowing answers.

Scripture References: Job 3:3, 11, 20-21; Job 7:19-20; Job 38:4-7; Job 42:2-6

Questions:

- 1.) We talked last time about making the decision to fight for your relationship with God, even when you aren't that into Him. Did any of you make the decision to do that last week? Has anything changed in your relationship with Him as a result? (It is okay to say if things have stayed the same!)
- 2.) Was there anything that made it harder or anything that kept you from fighting for your relationship with God? Boredom? Busyness? Forgetfulness? Being content with where you are?
- 3.) When you come to God with questions about your circumstances, your relationships or your faith, what are some of the things you ask Him about? How do you imagine God will answer the questions you bring to Him?
- 4.) What do you think a me-focused life look like?
- 5.) What do you think a God-focused life looks like?
- 6.) What are some ways you view your world in a self-focused or me-focused way? This can be in ways other than just your relationship with God—it can relate to your relationship with your family or friends, your circumstances, anything.
- 7.) Think through some of the reasons you're not that into God. How many of those reasons are about you?
- 8.) How would having a more God-focused life change you?
- 9.) What are some ways you can work on making your life more God-focused? Brainstorm together as a small group. This can include serving at your church, or in your community, taking your mind off of your own problems by being a good friend to someone else, helping your little brother with his homework, doing some extra chores to lighten the load on your mom, or taking some time to focus on the character of God over what you expect to get from God.

The Next Step:

IO/X: This week, try to be aware of how often what you say centers around *you*. Work on being more intentional about shifting your focus from you, to God and to others. As you do this, pay attention to how your attitude changes, your perspective becomes different. After trying this for a few days, do you still feel like you just aren't that into God?