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## COMMITTEE REFLECTION ~ JULY

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### Opening Prayer

Holy God, bless us this evening  
so that we will be doing your will in everything we do.  
Help us to put aside our pride and ego  
that seeks only what we want,  
so that we can be filled with your Spirit  
that leads us to want what you want.  
Hear us in silence as we center ourselves in you  
and ask you to guide us this evening...



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### Philip Yancey, *Reaching for the Invisible God*

From the spiritual giants of the Bible, I learn this crucial lesson about relating to an invisible God: Whatever you do, don't ignore God. Invite God into every aspect of life. For some Christians, the times of Job-like crisis will represent the greatest danger. How can they cling to faith in a God who appears unconcerned and even hostile? Others, and I count myself among them, face a more subtle danger. An accumulation of distractions—a malfunctioning computer, bills to pay, an upcoming trip, a friend's wedding, the general busyness of life—gradually edges God away from the center of my life. Some days I meet people, eat, work, make decisions, all without giving God a single thought. And that void is far more serious than what Job experienced, for not once did Job stop thinking about God.

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### Reflection Questions

- What is Yancey teaching us about the spiritual life and what is required of us?
  - What does he teach us about the how we are to be as a church, and how we are to lead the church?
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