

## Why Didn't Somebody Talk To Me?

Have you ever been to worship services and had somebody not talk to you? I do not mean nobody talked to you but "somebody" did not talk with you. Some people take it personally when "somebody" does not talk to them. Let me give you some possible reasons.

"Somebody" may be feeling rather poorly. They made the effort to be at services and worship God but they do not feel good enough to "socialize."

"Somebody" is tired from working hard all week, while some people would have stayed in bed, they wanted to worship God and came to services.

"Somebody" may be depressed and feeling down. They could have used a word or two from others around them but everybody else was talking to somebody else. You could have made the effort to have said, Hi, and cheered them up, instead you sat or stood nearby and just watched as "somebody" came in and left the building.

"Somebody" may have been preoccupied with family problems. Their children are having problems at school, or, their spouse is going through a hard time and their family life is not very good right now. They are worried and just a little self-centered right now.

"Somebody" may be facing financial and employment problems. They are having trouble paying the bills, the boss gave them some bad news Friday and they are facing uncertainty. So while you were wondering why "somebody" did not talk to you, "somebody" was wondering where they were going to find their next job.

"Somebody" may be thinking about the Bible Class they are about to enter. They read over the lesson and have a few questions for the rest of the class.

"Somebody" may be thinking about things they should not be thinking – lunch, golf, some of the things we just mentioned above – but their indifference was not toward you. It was more toward their God.

Often we get our feelings hurt when we try to impugn the motives of "somebody" around us. We get to second guessing who is talking to who and what are they talking about. This distracts us from our real purpose of being here, to worship God, John 4.24, be edified and to edify others, Hebrews 10.24. Instead of wondering why "somebody" did not talk to you, go to somebody and talk with him or her. They could probably use the encouragement and it might stop them from wondering why "somebody" did not talk to them.

Think about it! - - Dennis Tucker