

## **Love the Other - Fight Tribalism**

*Salty Series*

Discussion Questions

1. What are the characteristics of “Tribalism.” Discuss the various ways we see tribalism at work in our culture these days.
2. Read Romans 1:29-31. Just based on this text, why do we have such a difficult time having constructive relationships with people who think and behave differently than we do?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20. Where do we get our identity if not from God? What does embracing our identity in Christ have to do with our ability to love people who are different?
4. What does it mean that Jesus “reconciled” us to God? What did Jesus fill in that was missing in us?
5. Why does being the “salt of the earth” depend on remembering that Jesus went to the cross to reconcile us to God?
6. Think of the person or group of people you have the most difficult time understanding and loving. Rate yourself on how well you are doing at being Christ’s ambassador to them.
7. Discuss with your group how well you are doing at making God’s voice the loudest voice in your ear. Who is the greatest influence on you these days?
8. Read Matthew 5:44-47. What is Jesus teaching us about the difference between God’s children (the salt of the earth) and unbelievers? What is he telling us to do in order to reflect God’s character in the world?
9. How did Jesus love people he didn’t agree with?
10. Close the group by praying for your enemies. Ask the Lord to soften your heart toward them. Ask him to help you grow in how you can be his ambassador to them.