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### IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING.



### THE RECAP

Integrated Beings Relational Beings Sent Beings

Over the last 9 months, we explored what it means to be a human, created by God in His image. We divided this series into 3 separate "books;" an epic trilogy about who God says we are.

The first book, Integrated Beings, took a close look at what it means that God created us as both body & spirit; complete with thoughts, feelings and desires.

The second book, Relational Beings, explored how God created us to love Him and others.

The third book, Sent Beings, reminded us that we were created for a purpose. God has good things planned for us to do.

#### ICE BREAKER

What's your favorite thing about being a human?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

We fulfill our destiny when we project God's image into the world around us.

#### **GROUPS SCRIPTURE**

Read the powerful way the apostle Paul describes our hope & calling in 2 Corinthians 4:16 - 5:10, 5:14-21. CHECK OUT TODAY'S SCRIPTURE & VIDEO AND TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS A QUESTION OR TWO FROM EACH SECTION.

### **INTEGRATED BEINGS**

1. We read about our outer self & inner selves (4:16) and our earthly & heavenly bodies (5:1-2). As a follower of Jesus, what does it mean to take good care of both our mortal physical nature as well as our immortal spiritual nature?

2. Verse 5:9 reminds us that our aim is always to please the Lord, whether in our mortal bodies or not.

A. What pleases the Lord when it comes to what our bodies?B. What pleases the Lord when it comes to what we do spiritually?

## **RELATIONAL BEINGS**

3. What does it mean to have a "ministry of reconciliation" (5:18) or to be known by fostering good relationships with God and others?
4. Verse 5:14 says "the love of Christ controls us," literally carrying the idea of constraint like binding a prisoner. Can you think of ways that God's love constrains or controls your choices and behaviors?

### **SENT BEINGS**

5. God enlists us in His mission of "reconciling the world to himself" (5:19), making us "ambassadors for Christ" (5:20). How do you view your role in this mission? How has God called and/or equipped you to promote His kingdom?



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