

# being human

*IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING*



## **BOOK 2, CHAPTER 1**

Relational Beings:  
Love One Another

### **THIS WEEK**

The Light of Love

We live in a culture that almost universally celebrates love in one form or another. That doesn't always mean that the world or even Christians actually experience loving or being loved well. And yet, we are actually commanded, as followers of Jesus, to learn to love one another.

Through this Christmas season, we'll explore the tremendous power of God's brand of love to transform our relationships. The light of God's love can pierce through the shadows of shame, resentment and unforgiveness to bring hope. This is, after all, the very hope we celebrate this time of year.

#### **ICE BREAKER**

What is the best color for Christmas lights?

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#### **BOTTOM LINE**

Freedom & joy are found by living in the light of God's love.

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#### **GROUPS SCRIPTURE**

Read Zacharias' Song in Luke 1:67-79.

*CHECK OUT TODAY'S SCRIPTURE & VIDEO AND TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS A QUESTION OR TWO FROM EACH SECTION.*

## LEARNING HIS STORY

1. **Zechariah longs to be able to serve the Lord “without fear” (v74).** When you think of darkness & fear that loom large in today’s world, what comes to mind?
2. **“By the tender mercy of God, the sunrise will visit us from on high” (v78).** We may think of God’s light as harsh and convicting but what is merciful about it?
3. **It could be argued that darkness has its advantages (anonymity, privacy, no sense of conviction/judgment).** How would you explain the benefits of living in the light to someone content in darkness?

## EXAMINING OUR STORY

4. **To guide our feet into the way of peace (v79).** Where do you long for God’s guidance in this season?
5. When you’ve hidden certain aspects of your life in the past...
  - A) How did that affect your relationships?
  - B) How did that affect your own wellbeing and sense of being loved?

## FINDING A NEW STORY

6. Practically speaking, how do you make your way into the light when you find yourself hiding something?
7. What’s the best thing to do when someone you love is hiding in darkness?



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