

being human

IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING



BOOK 2, CHAPTER 1

Relational Beings:
Love One Another

THIS WEEK

Reconciling & Forgiveness, 1

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

When is it appropriate to begin decorating or playing Christmas music? And when does it need to stop?

BOTTOM LINE

When we embrace God's love, we are able to promote peace wherever we go.

GROUPS SCRIPTURE

Read about Elizabeth Greeting Mary in Luke 1:39-45.

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

LEARNING HIS STORY

1. Elizabeth's exclamation in verse 43 is the bubbling over of wonder & gratitude. Can you describe a time when you welled up with wonder & gratitude for something great or small?
2. In what ways do you imagine these women were able to pour courage into one another during Mary's stay (the older to the younger and the younger to the older)?
3. Do you have any "Elizabeths" amongst your family or close friends?

EXAMINING OUR STORY

4. Is it ever hard to bless, or desire good for, those who have it better than you?
5. Do you ever have trouble celebrating other people's good news?

FINDING A NEW STORY

6. How should we respond when the enemy sows seeds of bitter and resentful thoughts toward our neighbors?
7. How can we cultivate a spirit that is quicker to bless than to grow jealous of those who have it better/easier than us?
8. **REFLECTION:** Lord, is there anyone I need to forgive in my heart? Is there any broken or wounded relationship I should work to reconcile?



Access our curriculum digitally through the Small Groups tab of our church's app.

