

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, 2

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's your favorite holiday carol?

BOTTOM LINE

When we trust God's justice, we can better love our enemies.

GROUPS SCRIPTURE

Read Mary's Song, the Magnificat, in Luke 1:46-55.

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

LEARNING HIS STORY

1. Who in the world today might identify most with how Mary and her people felt as they awaited a Messiah to bring justice?
2. How do you think God feels about the rich and the poor?

EXAMINING OUR STORY

3. Has God ever done something for you that left you, like Mary, feeling gratefully unworthy?
4. Is there any injustice that produces anger or other emotion in you?

FINDING A NEW STORY

5. How should God's justice free us to get better at forgiveness and reconciliation? How should his mercy do the same?
6. How can we live more humbly (but not self-loathingly) in our affluent culture?
7. As we long for justice, how can we also follow Jesus in learning to be ok with being misunderstood or even falsely accused?



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