



Participating in God's Plan of Reconciliation

Multi-Ethnic Ministry Series: Video 3 - Dialogue 1

Group Facilitator:	Take a moment to outline what the discussion will be, and open your time together with prayer.
Scripture Reading:	Matthew 22:34-40
Opening Exercise:	<p>View Video 3 – “Sharing God’s Love”</p> <p>Give participants a moment of silence after viewing the video to reflect on what phrase or idea left the greatest impression on them. Have participants write down the phrase or idea so they don’t forget!</p> <p>Ask, “What spoke to you and why?”</p>
Opening Questions:	<p>Discuss this quote, “The worst kind of person is someone who knows where water is in the desert and they don’t tell anybody.” Do you agree or disagree?</p> <p>Imagine what it would be like to move to a new country for the first time. What personal and practical challenges would you face?</p>
Scripture Focus:	<p>2 Corinthians 5:14-21</p> <p>What are the basic truths of the gospel in this passage?</p> <p>What words would you use to characterize a “worldly point of view”?</p> <p>What does “reconciliation” represent in relationship to God and the people in your community and world?</p> <p>How should the love of Christ compel us to share God’s love with others?</p> <p>What type of person or group of people is difficult for you to like?</p> <p>What keeps you from sharing God’s love with people who are different from you?</p>
Personal Response:	<p>Draw a line down the middle of a piece of paper. (1) On the right, write down words or phrases that describe what it looks like to love someone. (2) Review the passage found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and on the left side of the page, write down words or phrases that describe what it looks like to love from a biblical perspective. Now compare the lists. How similar are they? What stands out? For a personal challenge, pick one aspect of love you want to consciously work on in your relationships this week. Write it down and look for ways to practice sharing God’s love with someone different from you.</p>
Group Facilitator:	Have participants close their time together with prayer.
