



# A Better Year

## Part 3 – How to Treat People Right Discussion Guide

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Jesus saw two men and said, “Come, follow me.” One was a tax-collector and one a religious Jew. He put them in the same boat, unworried about their professions or what they had done in the past. He was focused on their hearts. Through Jesus’ model and His words, we will learn how to treat people right and absolutely love our neighbor.

**What you will need:** A Bible or your Bible app, a notebook, pen, and highlighter. The verses highlighted below are linked so that you can easily access them during your study time.

### Jump Start

1. Other than Jesus dying on the cross for you, what is the most loving and compassionate act that someone has done for you (It could be a spouse, teacher, friend, family member, or a stranger)? Or, what is something that you have done for someone else?
2. Describe a time where you felt distant from God. What caused this distance (people, situations, or circumstances)? What did you do to repair this relationship? Did it work? **Read [Colossians 2:8](#), [Luke 6:29](#), [James 1:19](#), and [Matthew 10:16](#)**. How do these verses speak to how we should live?
3. **Read [Proverbs 4:23](#)**. How does the condition of your heart affect everything around you? Why is your heart so important? **Read [Galatians 6:7-8](#)**. What does Paul say in this verse about sowing and reaping?

*Note: Join us this week for the [daily Cove Devotions](#) and [MDWK Deep](#) on Wednesdays at 12:00.*

4. **Read [Ephesians 6:10-13](#)**. What does Paul want us to understand about the battles we face as followers of Christ? Who is he telling us not to wrestle with? **Read [Luke 6:27-28](#)**. How are we to treat our enemies? How is the victory defined?
5. **Read [Hebrews 4:12](#), [Psalm 46:10](#), and [Exodus 14:14](#)**. In what ways is the Word of God like a sword? How can using this weapon help us to have peace and learn to be still? How does this challenge you to treat people right?

## Deeper

*Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study. These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with your group throughout the week. Encourage your group to take time daily to walk through these questions.*

Here at The Cove, our mission is to Introduce our friends to Jesus, Learn to follow Him, and Celebrate His Presence in our lives. We want you to be fully equipped with the Word of God by spending time with Him daily through prayer, and through studying His Word. We believe this is how you will be equipped to make disciples.

Often, we get into the comparison trap, looking at others' faith or their walk with Christ. We measure what we can physically see and compare it to our lives, often to make ourselves feel better about our issues. We can also look at our works and think we should be more blessed, or have more things, or have more wisdom, but that truth is, what God has for you is His will for you.

This week, we will focus on works and faith. To have a better year, we must understand that it is by our faith we have been saved. Listen to this [Podcast](#) and meditate on these Scriptures. Pray and ask God to show you who you are in Him, asking Him to give you a clean heart and a right Spirit. Ask God to help you with your faith. The Bible teaches us to die to our flesh daily, and to submit to Christ. Ask God to help you desire this daily "death to self."

6. **Listen to this Podcast:** [What is Faith?](#)

7. **Meditate on these scriptures:**

- [Hebrews 10:35-39](#)
- [Hebrews 11:1-3](#)
- [Hebrews 11:6](#)
- [Romans 10:17](#)
- [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)