

KINGDOM NOW

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My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 NIV

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35 NIV

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 1 John 4:20 NIV

As a Jesus-Follower, love _____

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them... Genesis 1:27,28a NLT

There is another reality here...it's in God's original call to Abram... I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. All the families on earth will be blessed through you. Genesis 12:2,3b NLT

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. Ephesians 2:13-16 NIV

Jesus has _____ _____ between us

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. Revelation 7:9 NIV

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Read Genesis 1:27-28. What's the importance of realizing each person is made in God's image?*
- *Read Ephesians 2:13-16. What stands out to you? How is this good news for us?*
- *Watch Bryan Stevenson's TED Talk "We Need To Talk About An Injustice" (23 minutes).*
- *What's something you learned from Bryan?*
- *Pray the Spirit would shape OCC into a church family that loves everyone always!*

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS //

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Waking Up White by Debby Irving