

How to respond to people, part 2

WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG AND GOD IS SMALL

Step 7: Need other people less, love other people more. Out of obedience to Christ, and as a response to his love toward you, pursue others in love.

GOD SHOWS US HOW TO RESPOND TO....

_____ /aliens and _____.

If we are suppose to respond like God responds, then we need to find out what He _____ about them, how he _____ to them, and how he wants _____ to respond as his image-bearers.

I Kings 8:43 Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people...

Exodus 22:21 Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

Malachi 3:5 "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.

Ezekiel 47:22-23 "You are to allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the foreigners residing among you and who have children. You are to consider them as native-born Israelites; along with you they are to be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. 23 In whatever tribe a foreigner resides, there you are to give them their inheritance," declares the Sovereign LORD.

He treated foreigners with the same _____ as he did his own people. Foreigners were to be _____.

Deuteronomy 10:19-20 And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. 20 Fear the LORD your God and serve him.

Leviticus 25:23 "The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers."

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

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our _____ and _____ in Christ.

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

It's not just about Jesus and _____.

Acts 2:38-39 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

In the body of Christ we are a _____ just as just as much as we are individual _____.

Another way we imitate God and bring him glory is when we are _____

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Joshua 7:1 But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the LORD's anger burned against Israel.

Daniel 9:4-8 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. 7 "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. 8 We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, LORD, because we have sinned against you.

Blessings come from _____.

Psalms 133 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

God has given _____ to the body.

Ephesians 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

WE NEED THE TOUGH QUESTIONS, WE NEED THE ACCOUNTABILITY, AND WE NEED THE ENCOURAGEMENT.

Romans 1:11-12 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.