



Retracing Christmas | Free to Love
12.18.22

START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

Do you know anyone who de-converted from Christianity? What reason(s) did they give?

START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)

Read Philippians 2:1–8.

- Which of the listed expectations is most difficult for you to emulate?
- What is the picture painted in your mind of Christ when you read verses 6-8?
 - Does that picture help or hinder your willingness to live out this passage?
- Have you ever met a Christian whose approach to relationships fully reflects Paul's instructions in these verses?

START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)

- Is there someone you can love more like how Jesus loves?
- How can you love them more like Jesus loves them?

Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

“Jesus, you came to invite and welcome everyone. This is GOOD NEWS! And you are calling us to be GOOD NEWS. We are free to love others the way you have loved us. Let this be a challenge to our group and me as we process the truth and live it out here, there, and everywhere! It's in your name that I pray, amen.”

Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

Meditate on and memorize Matthew 5:16

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”