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## Finding Joy in Others

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*I take great joy and encouragement from your love.  
Philemon 1:7*

*The Lord said, "It's not good for man to be alone." Genesis  
2:18*

*Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no  
shame. Genesis 2:25 (NLT)*

*How do I begin to find joy in others?*

### Look at them the way God does.

*So from now on we don't think of anyone from a human  
point of view. 2 Corinthians 5:16*

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in  
Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us  
long ago. Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)*

### Realize the problem is most likely me.

*Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins.  
Ecclesiastes 7:20*

*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,  
endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NAS)*

## Help unlock who God made them to be.

*Your love, dear brother, has brought me great joy and much  
encouragement! You have cheered the hearts of all of  
God's people. Philemon 1:7*

### Something to discuss with your friends, family, and LifeGroup\*

Why does it sometimes seem easier to talk about the flaws  
and faults of others instead of the good stuff? What benefit  
do we get from doing that?

Read Luke 19:1-9 and talk about the situation. What do you  
suppose was the town's attitude toward Zacchaeus? What  
would have been your attitude?

Compare Zacchaeus' story with the situation in John 8:1-11.  
What seems to be the pattern here?

Philippians 2:3 is great. Read it and talk about how it speaks  
to you.

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing  
through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at  
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