



Discussion Guide for “Reflections”

Broken Promises Week 2

God created us to reflect God's love to the world around us. What keeps us from faithfully reflecting God's love? And how can we reconnect to God so we can once again show the world the same love we receive from God?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is John 3:1-17.

Questions for Discussion

1. What makes for a good reflection – not just in terms of light, but in terms of personality and values?
2. Sonya said that peoples in the Ancient Near East understood a blessing to be “personal, favorable and reciprocal.” What does each of these terms mean in the context of Genesis 12:1-4?
3. It's easy to see why we so often equate blessing with material prosperity. Why is this line of thinking dangerous? What are better ways to understand God's blessings?
4. Compare Nicodemus to Abram. Why was Nicodemus' response so different?
5. We've heard the phrase 'born again' so much it's become cliché. But why did Nicodemus find the phrase so threatening? What do you think being 'born again' looks like in our context today?
6. How do we faithfully reflect God's love to our world during Lent?