

# Beyond the Tinsel

## Questions for Application for the Week of December 16, 2013 Part 3 - Show Love - Psalm 72:8-14

1. Scripture is clear that God loves the whole world. Do you have a tendency to let your world become too small and ignore the world at large or do you have a tendency to focus on the world and ignore the needs of those around you? If you are tempted to either extreme, how can you be more balanced? What has helped you be balanced in loving those around you as well as being engaged in the world as a whole?

2. What helps you keep God's perspective on people? Are you ever tempted to see people as "machines" that exist to help you or as "landscape" and not see that people are created in God's image and that He loves them? What passages in scripture or examples in Jesus' life help you to better understand His love for people? What steps can you take that will help you see people as God sees them?

3. How have you seen God work in seemingly small ways that others have loved you? How can you live in such a way that you are aware of God's leading to be aware of and meet the needs of others?

4. There is always a price to pay in loving others. Loving others usually costs us our time, money, or comfort. Which of these is hardest for you to give up? Are there specific steps that you should take this week to "pay the price" to love others?

5. Read Luke 2:1-20. How have you been changed as a result of Jesus coming to earth? Spend time this week thanking God for His work in your life.