

CHRISTIAN LIFE EDUCATION 10

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DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Lesson 2-1: [Be With Me: Five-Day Devotional on God's Will for Us to Love Each Other](#)

Lesson 2-2 and 2-3: [Belong](#)

Devotional Reading 2-1	Date Accomplished/ Time Stamp	Reflections
Day 1	Nov 1	Does being judgmental of others hinder my love? When has this happened in my life? How can I do better at living with love for this person? Matthew : It says on Day 1 in the scriptures that we people should not judge, or you too will be judged. The context there is a reminder telling us that judgment on others can lead us to negative consequences. So with that being said answering the question does being judgemental of others hinder my love the answer is yes. Personally speaking there were times in my life where I reflected when I judged someone without fully understanding their perspective or circumstances or what they were going through. Those moments made me feel bad and made me understand that we shouldn't judge others without knowing what they are going through. It's saddening because if i didn't judge people before It would have resulted into a friendship and a strong bond One thing I can do to do better in living love for that person is I need to practice empathy and being open minded. Instead of jumping to conclusions, I should also practice and understand people's experiences, challenges, and motivations. This taught me a valuable lesson and made me realize in enhancing our capacity to love and build healthier, more supportive relationships with those around us if we just focus on peace and love towards each other.

		Kenzo : There was a time in my life when I was highly critical of everyone; I would judge people based on their behavior, character, and past actions. This happened roughly a year ago, and it hurt me because it backfired and many people didn't like who I was at the time. I improved by taking a step back and, rather than finding everything to be flawed and insulting, I looked for what made each person special or unique. I then treated them with kindness and love, respect, and consideration, no matter what. This was difficult at first, but it helped me become more aware of my emotions and transform my personality.
Day 2	Nov 2	How has receiving love changed my life? How could I give love to change someone else's life? Matthew : It said in this scripture that God wishes for us to do. Show love to others and be loving. God said that is the key to life. The key is love. When you practice love at all times, you will find that life is easier. Life is more fulfilling. When you show love to others, you can change their life. Everyone needs to have love in their life. So be love. Be My instrument. When in doubt on what to do, just be love. In 1 John 4:8, scripture teaches us: Whoever does not love does not know God, because God himself is love. Receiving love had a profound impact towards me. Take my friends as an example who are like brothers to me : Lucas, Adrian, Karnvir. They made me feel loved, They provided me with a sense of belonging, support towards my rants and many more. I'm thankful for them because they helped me boost my confidence as a person, they saw the good in me. Their love towards me made me feel valued and appreciated and happy. I share my experience in hope of helping others to change someone's life just like what happened to me. Doing small acts of kindness and doing small talk with someone can already make them feel loved and appreciated. These small things make a huge impact in making a difference in someone's life. Kenzo : I had a number of instances where people were

		cruel to me and I was confused how to react. If you had approached me at 13, I would've acted the same way and been cruel back. I can't exactly recall an occasion when love turned my life, but it certainly has. But I definitely recall a time when I gave and showed love and care to that person, and I remember them ranting to me and being unsure how to feel. It was through private messaging, and I wasn't sure how I could help. But all I said was that it was acceptable to feel what they wanted, and that it was out of their hands. It impacted both my and their lives because it grew a stronger bond between the two of us
Day 3	Nov 3	Do I have the "light" in my eyes? Matthew : In the third day for this scripture, light refers and represents positivity, goodness, or enlightenment. It is used to describe qualities such as knowledge, understanding, love, or the positive impact of one's actions on others. So when discussing how to "give light" or "be a light to others," it typically means to bring positivity, inspiration, or enlightenment into someone else's life. Answering the question I would say Yes I have light in my eyes. I try to approach life with a sense of excitement and optimism. I find joy in learning new things and facing challenges (although it may be tiring and draining at times) However I believe that it shines through in my eyes. It's this inner 'light' that keeps me motivated and eager to pursue my dreams and make the most of each day to help others and to also achieve my goals. Kenzo : This question made me stop and think for a bit. When I talk to people I often notice their eyes have a bright "light" or passion. Most people in school and everyone in my family have a bright "light" but When I look in the mirror I realize that my eyes don't have the same

		brightness as them, I was confused because I had God's love and life. Although Upon reading day 3 I realized that i wasn't showing or emphasizing on that love, I had it but I wasn't using it the maximum. Love is the most basic thing anyone can give, but it is the most important thing to God and to our life. Yes I do have "light" in my eyes, it may not be as bright as everyone around me, but I'm sure it will soon.
Day 4	Nov 4	What are a few ways that I can choose God and others over myself today? Matthew : We can choose God and others over ourselves today by implementing time towards God and to others before ourselves. An example is when waking up before checking our phone and everything we could do minor changes like when we wake up we fix our bed, thank God for this beautiful day eat and shower and brush your teeth and start your day. Doing small acts of kindness can also make an impact. Helping a family member, a stranger or a friend or a classmate towards something is already an act of service which they would appreciate and which God would also appreciate as well. There are many things that we can do to put God in our lives first before anything, I just stated the little things we can do which have a impact on our lives and the people around us : > Kenzo : One way I can choose God and others is to love them unconditionally. It was mentioned that most people put themselves first, causing devastation, lust, greed, hatred, and so on. I am sure that this way will be beneficial for not only me, but also the people and our God. Another option, in my opinion, is to simply pray for them. Time is a limited resource that we can only spend and never regain. It's not exactly the same as money. So

		just taking time out of your day and praying for the well-being, safety, or love of other people is a way to prioritize them before oneself.
Day 5	Nov 5	Do others see God in me by the love I show them? Matthew : It said on the fifth day for this scripture that “ You may never know the impact you have on someone when you show them love. So just be loving. This is part of letting them see Me in you. In John 13:35, scripture teaches us: If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples.” This touched my heart and it was heartfelt. Answering the question “Do others see God in me by the love i show them?” I would say Yes I do. I believe that by striving to show love, compassion, and kindness to others, I align with my faith, reflecting God's love, and hope that my actions and behavior help others see His presence in me, even though it's a continuous and ever evolving journey and adventure. Kenzo: When I notice someone having a hard time, or they vent to me about the obstacles they are going through. I often cheer them up with kind words and say that they can do better next time or that it'll be okay. Based on their reactions and how they change their mood, I think others see God in me when I show them love, no matter how difficult the obstacles were or how small the inconvenience was. I cheered them up, put their frown upside down (corny 🤪) . I genuinely show love when they are struggling, but even outside of their troubles , I still show them my love and my bright energy no matter what I am going through.

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Day 1	Nov 6	As you begin Episode 1 and read today's Scriptures, think about this question. Why do I want to be part of this group? Matthew : In episode 1 there were a group of random people who were gathered in a house and said a little about themselves. This episode tells how random people get together and become friends. These random group of people were gathered for one reason and that was for everyone to belong, a life group. I personally want to be part of this group to know more new people and their experiences and what they went through as a person and paano nila kinaya yun. I also want to be part of their group to build a strong bond and also feel also that I belong. This people have similar experiences as i was watching it said in the last part in the 4 minute video that "The most basic desire is to feel like that you belong" Kenzo : "the most basic human desire is to belong." I have a friend group where they are older than me, go to a different school, have a different schedule, you can name it. And I didn't know why I wanted to belong with them, or be a part of their clique. But after thinking a bit, I realized that it's because they made me feel like I belonged with them. Despite our major differences, we met in under a year. I wanted to belong with them because they made me feel like I was a part of them, they made me feel safe when I was around them, and where I could be myself.
Day 2	Nov 7	As you watch today's video and read today's Scriptures, answer these questions. What are some ways you pretend or try to fit in? What can you uniquely bring to

		your group? Matthew : Well personally to this question I somehow relate to it. In this scripture there was this quote that I liked and that was by brene brown which stated : “True belonging is not passive. It’s not the belonging that comes in with just joining a group. It’s not fitting in or pretending or selling out because it’s safer. It’s a practice that requires us to be vulnerable “ A quote that struck me and I relate towards it. It said in the scripture today that consistency is key for friendship and it takes time. Going back to the question, I’ve realized that sometimes I find myself pretending to be more interested in the same things as my friends or not expressing my true opinions just to avoid disagreements within the group (since ayaw ko ng gulo and kemerut kemerut stuff) But on the positive side, I think I can bring my unique sense of humor, my strong passion for certain interests, my ability to empathize with others, and my skills and talents to the group, making our interactions more enjoyable and supportive with being mindful with the words i say because words are power. Kenzo: There’s a joke I often say to my group of friends, the joke goes “oh when you use friend group Humor A on friend group B” I pretend that I don’t find this certain thing funny in fear that I might bring discomfort to them. I try to fit in by laughing at a joke they found funny, even though I know it’s not funny for me or I just don’t get the joke. What I can bring uniquely is not humor, but memories and moments captured by a frame of my camera! I always try to enjoy the moments and capture photos too. When I see something going on or a good scenery of a place we are in, I take it and cherish it for I know that I spent my time wisely with them.
Day 3	Nov 8	As you finish Episode 1 and read today’s Scriptures, answer this question. What life experiences can you start

		sharing with your group? Matthew : A life experience I can share towards my peers is sharing my experience of overcoming the challenges I faced in the previous months and years. The challenges and obstacles that made me think there's no way out. and how I've learned valuable life lessons from them. I could also share the places I traveled to, so I can share stories about different cultures and people I've encountered and more fun times for my peers to get to know me more as an individual and as a person. Kenzo: A life experience I would share with a group is my cousin's passing. His passing really affected my life, both good and bad. I won't go in depth about the bad but I just wasn't really myself for a while when I heard the news, but good can't happen if bad doesn't exist. I realized the value of time, and how short it is. If you were to ask me time is the most valuable thing a person can have , you can argue with me that love is but how can you love someone if you don't have time?
Day 4	Nov 9	As you begin Episode 2 and read today's Scriptures, answer this question. How will the people and relationships in and around our group be different because we meet? Matthew : Well, when we meet, it's like a special plan that God has for us. It's not just something random or happened all of a sudden by "accident" no it's nothing like that. personally when people meet i feel like it's meant to happen. When people meet it can make our relationships with each other stronger. We learn things together, become more patient, and care about each other in a special way. It's like God putting us in each other's lives for a reason. The people around us, in our group, become

		like a family guided by shared beliefs. When we face tough times, believing in God together makes us stronger, and it feels like we're part of something bigger than just our group. So, meeting isn't just about us coming together; it's like God's way of guiding us, helping us grow, and making our connections more meaningful. An experience related to this was the experience written in my short story for English. I personally believe that was meant to happen. Kenzo: (I don't fully understand the question but I see how a friend group affects its relationship with the people inside.) I've been in a lot of friend groups, some good and some questionable. But how it affected each other was in a positive note, nearly everyone would be happy when everyone would join a voice call, or when we would hang out. It affects us because some people help us find our morals, our talents, and find people where we can be comfortable with.
Day 5	Nov 10	As you watch today's video and read today's Scriptures, write down your ideas of your group's vision and purpose. Matthew : The way i see it, The vision of our group is to cultivate a community where each member feels valued, supported, and inspired to grow spiritually and personally. Our purpose revolves around fostering meaningful connections, embracing diversity, and collectively living out the principles of love, kindness, and compassion. Through shared experiences, collaborative efforts, and a commitment to spiritual growth, we aim to create a positive impact not only within our group but also in the broader community. Kenzo : I believe that my group's vision and purpose is to not only help people who are at their lowest, or at their

		final legs. But to lighten the mood and the circle a place where we can be ourselves where no one will judge us.
Day 6	Nov 11	Here's a question to think about as you finish Episode 2 and read today's Scriptures. How have the unplanned experiences in your life led you to vision and purpose? How will you allow these experiences to shape your group? Matthew : Unplanned experiences in my life, guided by my faith in God, have been like unexpected chapters in a story written by a higher power. Each twist and turn, even when I didn't understand it at the time, has contributed to my vision and purpose. It's like God had a plan, and these unplanned moments were crucial parts of it. These experiences taught me resilience, patience, and the importance of trusting in a divine plan. As I look at my life's journey, I see a purpose unfolding, even in the unexpected detours. Now, when it comes to my group, I want to bring this perspective. I'll share these lessons with my group, helping them see that even the unplanned moments have a purpose. We can support each other through challenges, knowing that there's a bigger plan at play. Our shared faith can be a guiding force, shaping our group into a community that finds strength and purpose in the twists and turns of life, just like I have in my personal journey with God. Kenzo : I don't believe the statement "unplanned experiences" because God has a plan, and already made a plan for me, before I even entered this world. Aside from that I've experienced a lot of rough roads, conflicts within friends, self doubt, family dynamics, etc. From every experience I went through I always learned from them because you can always learn something from a situation. How I can apply or shape my group is that,

		when they're going through a stage in their life and unsure how to overcome it, I'm willing to listen and apply the lessons I learned to them.
Day 7	Nov 12	As you begin Episode 3 and read today's Scriptures, thank Jesus for all the work He has done and will do in your group. Matthew : Dear Jesus, Thank you, Jesus, for your presence in our group and for guiding us through our endeavors. We're grateful for the work you've done and trust in your continued blessings for the journey ahead. As we step into the future, we trust in your divine plan. May our group be a reflection of your love, and may your guidance continue to illuminate our path. We invite you to be present in our actions, decisions, and interactions, ensuring that our endeavors align with your purpose. In this moment of collective thanks, we acknowledge your unwavering support. Thank you, Jesus, for the work you've done and continue to do in our group. Amen. Kenzo: Dear Lord, Thank you for giving me all the blessings you have planned for me, and my group. With your presence, I thank you and believe in your power to help us when an obstacle is upon us. May you protect us Lord in Jesus name we pray, amen.
Day 8	Nov 13	As you watch today's video and read today's Scriptures, answer this question. Which principle of growth do you need to focus on, personally? How about your group?

		Matthew : Personally, I need to focus on the principle of resilience. Life's challenges can be daunting, and building the strength to bounce back from setbacks is an area where I see room for growth. Developing a resilient mindset will empower me to navigate difficulties with grace and determination. For the group, I would say they should focus more on fostering open communication. Ensuring that everyone in the group feels heard, understood, and valued and not left behind. This will strengthen our bonds and create a supportive environment where personal and spiritual growth can thrive. Kenzo: The principle I often use is "Growth starts with self-awareness" In the past, I wasn't the best person. A lot of people disliked me for my actions and character. When I realized, I started watching my words, my actions, etc. You really can't grow when you don't know what's wrong with you. I've reflected several times and prayed when I realized I wasn't the ideal person. I constantly say to people that if they want to change, it starts with self-awareness. For my group "People grow best when they own their own growth" like it mentioned people are like trees, we can't force them to grow but we can help them grow. I can help people, give them "Water" and the right environment, but really it all starts with the person/tree.
Day 9	Nov 17	After you finish Episode 3 and read today's Scriptures, spend some time talking and listening to God. Matthew : In the quiet moments of my day, I engage in a heartfelt conversation with God through prayer. I express my thoughts, fears, and gratitude, finding solace in the act of sharing. Listening to God takes the form of creating moments of stillness, where I am receptive to guidance or insights that may come. Reflection and meditation on scriptures or the beauty

		around me deepen my connection. Acts of kindness and service become a way of communicating with God, aligning with divine values and contributing to a greater purpose. This practice has become a grounding force, offering guidance and peace in the complexities of daily life. Kenzo : At the start of the week I go to church and I forget that God has made the perfect world for us, where we can breathe air without our lungs collapsing, or walk around without the gravitational pull crushing us. During church I realize that God has been with me my entire life, where I fear that I might fail an exam, or where I cry my eyes out when I injured myself as a kid. With the time I spend with god and the hours I listen to his stories in church, I should really build that habit more.
Day 10	Nov 18	As you watch today's video and read today's Scriptures, answer these questions. How has someone in this group been a friend to you recently or in the past? What do you hope to get out of friendships in this group? Matthew : Recently, someone in the group demonstrated friendship by offering support during a challenging time(Adrian). Their listening ear and genuine concern made a significant impact, reminding me of the strength that comes from shared connections. I hope to cultivate friendships that go beyond casual interactions. I seek understanding, encouragement, and a shared journey toward spiritual and personal growth. Ultimately, I aim to contribute to a supportive community where friendships are built on trust, kindness, and a mutual commitment to each other's well-being. Kenzo: A lot of groups have been friends to me before but, There's specific people(Payton, and Matthew) in a

		group who inspire me from time to time, where I can just banter with them , and they cheer my mood when I see them in face to face classes. There's nothing really I hope more from a friendship but the bond to get stronger, and to connect more when the day passes. I really hope those two know that they mean a lot to me, and I wish them the best, and for our friendship to grow stronger.
Day 11	Nov 19	As you watch today's video and read today's Scriptures, answer this question. What are some small ways you can show Jesus' love to friends in your group? Matthew : Small acts of kindness can express Jesus' love to friends in your group. You might start by actively listening and being present when they share their joys or concerns. Offer words of encouragement or a helping hand during challenging times, demonstrating the compassion that Jesus exemplified. Praying for your friends, whether individually or collectively, is a meaningful way to show love. It reflects a genuine concern for their well-being and invites a sense of spiritual connection within the group. Sending uplifting messages or sharing relevant Bible verses can also be a simple yet powerful gesture. It spreads positivity and reinforces the values of love, kindness, and faith that Jesus taught. Additionally, being intentional about expressing gratitude and appreciation fosters a positive and loving atmosphere. Acknowledging the strengths and positive qualities of your friends contributes to a sense of community and support. These small actions collectively create a culture of love and kindness within your group, embodying the

		principles of Jesus' teachings in your everyday interactions. Kenzo: I can name a few ways, one way being to love your friends. I remember a saying, where Jesus said to love your neighbors for how you love me. Treating your friends with kindness, gentleness, or love is a simple thing to do, most people might say it's a no brainer but it has such a big impact to them and your spiritual connection with the Lord Another way mentioned in Day 11, Pay attention. Friends pay attention to a lot of things to what you said or to their friends even. Remembering a small detail or their favorite food would matter to them because it just shows how much you paid attention
Day 12	Nov 20	After you finish Episode 4 and read today's Scriptures, spend some time thinking through how you'll share your life story with your group. Matthew : Personally, I feel like sharing my life story with the group means opening up authentically, and highlighting key moments in my life that shaped me to be the person I am right now. By emphasizing growth, challenges, and lessons in my life. I aim to foster understanding and empathy. My goal is not just personal sharing but creating a space for others to feel comfortable sharing their stories, building a stronger community. Kenzo : Sharing my life story would take Days to finish, but if my group is willing to listen and pay attention to my life story. I'll gladly do so, I'd start with moments with how photography changed my life, or how my obstacles changed my perspective of people. Then I'd end with how much I really care about my friends, because aside from my family. They were the ones who helped me become me, even if I lost a lot of friends, losing them also helped me become me. I've experienced a lot of things in my life,

		some good and some bad. But with certainty I can say that meeting my friends is the greatest thing I've experienced
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DEVOTIONAL READINGS

• Completeness ◦ reads and completes both the devotional readings (devotions and Bible verses included)	5	
• Evidence of Reflective Thinking ◦ writes meaningful reflections based on the questions on the two (2) out of three (3) devotional readings	5	
• Evidence of Communication and Collaboration ◦ practices fellowship and accountability with Bible Reading Buddy (BRB) (applicable to the second devotional reading only)	5	
• Timeliness ◦ accomplishes the devotional readings on a regular basis	5	