



# Disabilities – knowing our true value



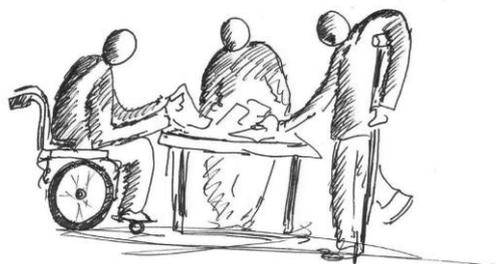
## Why use this Bible study?

This Bible study helps us look at our true value in God.



## We are all made in God's image

Sadly, society often overlooks the worth that God has given people with disabilities. In our plans and work, we often ignore the huge contribution that people with disabilities can make.



**Read Ephesians 2:10 and 1 Corinthians 12:7.** We have all been made in the image of God – those with disabilities and those without disabilities. We have all been created for a purpose, with something valuable to offer. All of us. God does not discriminate. People may discriminate, but God does not. People with disabilities have much to offer their communities but, like everyone, they need an opening.

**Read Romans 5:1-11, 8:12-17.** Jesus Christ died upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to God and know his perfect peace, whatever our physical condition. In Jesus Christ, all people can know their true value as sons and daughters of our Living God.



## Key points

- In Christ Jesus, all of us can know our true value as sons and daughters of our Living God.



## Questions for discussion

- In our church, in our work, in our everyday life, how can we encourage those with disabilities to use the gifts God has given them?
- Do we sometimes discriminate without really meaning to?
- What things in our society and in our culture make it difficult for people with disabilities to reach their full potential? What could we do to improve the situation?

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## Notes

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### Related tools

- A1 – Revealing stigma towards people with disabilities: information for facilitators [*A1: Discrimination & inclusion-1*]
- A1 – Revealing HIV: information for facilitators [*A1: Health & HIV-1*]
- A1 – Revealing violence against women and girls: information for facilitators [*A1: Gender & sexual violence-1*]
- A2 – Understanding vulnerability and disability [*A2: Discrimination & inclusion-1*]
- A2 – HIV counselling and testing [*A2: Health & HIV-1*]
- A2 – How HIV spreads [*A2: Health & HIV-2*]
- A2 – My supporters: tackling HIV stigma [*A2: Health & HIV-3*]
- A2 – How HIV affects livelihoods [*A2: Health & HIV-4*]
- B – Loving the outcast (Bible study) [*B: Discrimination & inclusion-2*]
- B – Caring for widows and orphans (Bible study) [*B: Discrimination & inclusion-3*]
- B – Attitudes towards disease and difference (Bible study) [*B: Discrimination & inclusion-1*]
- B – HIV and AIDS and the glory of God (Bible study) [*B: Health & HIV-1*]

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