

GOING DEEPER

Personal or group study ideas. Read the articles, choose your questions!

- **Biblical Caring:** Read Trafecanty, pp. 6–11.
 - a/ Read the references listed in table one, p. 9 in your Bible. In what ways do these verses reflect the caring God shows us? List specific things God does to empower caring in his people. How could these help you with your caring as a nurse?
 - b/ Read the story Jesus told of the Good Samaritan in Lk 10:30–35. What elements of compassionate care do you find?
 - c/ Choose one or more passages from Rom 3:10–26; Gal 5:19–26; Col 3:5–10; Tit 3:3–7. How do the verses you read describe people in our natural state? How do they describe people redeemed in Christ? Do you think these attributes impact caring? How?
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- **Evaluating Worldviews:** Read the editorial on page one.
 - a/ Read Col 2:6–23. What do you think “worldly philosophies” means in this passage? Are there worldly philosophies in nursing today? On what criteria do you base your opinion? What principles are offered in this passage for evaluating worldviews?
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- **Understanding Mysticism:** Read Willard, pp. 34–36.
 - a/ Read Gal 2:20–21. Put into your own words 3 differences between mysticism that is attaining a status of “Union with the Absolute” and the relationship with God described in this passage (i.e., God is a person vs. an “illusory All”).
 - b/ What does Willard say is the specific “color” of Christian mysticism? What does that mean to you?