



# HOW DO I LOOK?

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Christians must not only live differently in the world,  
we must look differently at the world.

## GOD IN REAL LIFE

This week, follow Saint Bakhita's lead and see the world through His lens: seeing yourself as someone who is definitively loved, trusting that whatever happens to you, you are awaited by His love...and so your life is good.

## TO THE HEART

“I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.”

- Romans 12:1-2

## DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS

1. Knowing that there have been many difficulties over the past six months, we have still been given blessings. What is one unexpected blessing that you've experienced from the Coronavirus in the past six months?
2. What is one event or relationship or circumstance in your life that you know has formed how you see the world? (This can be either positive, negative, or neutral. Just one thing that you realize has shaped your vision.)
3. Saint Bakhita was formed by her experiences, but she wasn't bound by them. She was able to be transformed by encountering Jesus. What is one way that your vision has been shaped by your own encounter or relationship with Jesus? Please share.
4. “This world is not our friend.” What do you think about this statement? Do you agree? In what ways is this world not our friend and in what ways could a Christian consider this world to be “friend”?
5. We are tempted to believe that love will always spare the beloved from pain and suffering. But love wants more for the beloved always. In what ways has your carrying the crosses in your life made your own life richer...more full? Please share.
6. Saint Paul instructs us to “offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and beloved to the Lord.” What are practical ways (through prayer, relationships, etc) that we can offer Him those sacrifices and sufferings and receive His love in return?