

CHAPTER 5

**ALL THINGS TO
ALL PEOPLE**

**The challenge of
postmodernism**



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Read 1 John 1:1-4. There is excitement in the mood of the writer sharing with us the wonder of God the Father who has come to us in his Son. We can be excited too when we have seen one of our prayers answered.

- 1a. Have you ever told a non-Christian friend, or given a book to them, about how God has answered a prayer on a particular occasion? How did your friend respond to this?

- b. Do you think stories of evidence of God at work in your life is a useful way to communicate that there really is a God and that he is concerned for us? Do people actually believe real life stories?

Read 1 John 1:5 to 2:2

- 2a. List each point you find in this passage that tells us about Jesus and what he has done and will do for us.

- b. Two or three members of the group could use these points to construct the 'story about what Jesus means to me'.

Look at 1 John 2:3

- 3a. What are the 'commands' which John refers to here? What is the link between obeying Jesus' commands and 'knowing' him?
 - b. Do you 'know' Jesus? If so, in what ways do you know him? How do you keep up your fellowship with him?

 - c. How would you explain to a person interested in considering the Christian faith that one can know Jesus and can really come to call God 'Father'?

4. Discuss some ways in which you could hold the attention of some of your non-Christian friends with the story of Jesus, having in mind that your friends consider truth to be relative, or not applicable to all people.