

3. How is being Christ's ambassador different from promoting your own interests or opinions?
4. Everyone is sent on mission, but not everyone is sent to the same place. Where has God placed *you* right now?
5. What is one practical step you could take to live on mission where you are?

Sermon Discussion Points for



2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

In these verses, we see what happens when a person is transformed by the gospel. They become a new creation in Christ and that changed everything. The culmination of a life transformed by Christ is the desire to see others' lives transformed as well.

Vs. 17 – We Have New Life

1. According to verse 17, what is true of anyone who is in Christ? What's the difference between being "forgiven" and being made a new creation?
2. Why do you think it's possible to believe in Jesus but still struggle to live out of the new life He gives? How can we intentionally live in congruence with our new life in Christ?
3. If "*We can't make disciples without first being disciples,*" What does being a disciple of Jesus actually look like in everyday life?
4. Is your new life in Christ visible to the people closest to you (family, coworkers, neighbors)? Why or why not? What changes do you need to make for this to be a reality?
5. How does walking in community with other believers help us live out our new life in Christ?

Vs. 18-19 – We Have a New Purpose

1. Who initiates reconciliation — us or God? Why does that matter?
2. How would you explain "reconciliation" in your own words to someone who doesn't go to church?
3. Verse 19 says God has *entrusted* us with the message of reconciliation. How does that word change the way you view sharing your faith?
4. What stands out to you about the "great exchange" described in verse 21?
5. Why do you think God chooses to work through people like us to share this message? What fears or hesitations keep you from sharing the message of reconciliation?

Vs. 20 – We Have a New Mission

1. When you hear the word *mission*, what comes to mind—something exciting, intimidating, or overwhelming? Why?
2. What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?

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