

Being Ambassadors of Christ – Sunday 6/18/23 Reflection Questions

- 1. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul calls us ambassadors of Christ through whom God makes his appeal to believers and non-believers.
 - a. Have there been situations in your life where you felt this verse directed your actions? If so, how?
 - b. Have there been situations in your life in which you felt you didn't do a good job at this? How did you deal with yourself about this?
- 2. Have you ever been tempted to join negative talk about your leadership?
 - a. How did you respond to this temptation?
 - b. What did you find helpful in that moment and what not?
- 3. In how far do you agree / disagree with the sermon's call to pray for our leaders and let God work in their hearts rather than grumble and, for example, leave a church because we disagree with the leaders?
- 4. Last Sunday's sermon, highlighted what it means to be an ambassador of Christ,
 - a. in the way we engage with our leadership (Rom 13:6)
 - b. when we are in a leadership role (Mt 20:28)
 - c. when we encounter being wronged (Let God be your vindicator)) Do these resonate with you? Does one of these stand out to you more than others? Do you disagree with any of these? Why and why not?
- 5. The second half of 2 Corinthians 5:20 "implores us" to be reconciled to God. Why does Paul add this to calling us ambassadors of Christ?
- 6. 2 Cor 5:20 says that God makes his appeal through us. How does having the Holy Spirit inside of us make a difference for us in comparison to, for example, God's people before Christ?
- 7. Have you ever seen or experienced God vindicating you by changing the heart of a person that wronged you?