

The Heart of the Matter

14. What price are you willing to pay to proclaim the gospel? With whom do you have a burden to share the gospel?

15. How mindful are you that one day you'll stand before the tribunal of Christ? How will your works be judged?

16. How consistent are you in modeling what you believe and teach?

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

Our Reconciler
2 Corinthians 5:11-21

For the Week of March 28, 2021

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application got your attention from this past Sunday's message?
2. Define the meaning of "reconcile". Why is reconciliation so essential in a human relationship? What are hindrances to our being reconciled to others?
3. How are we reconciled to God? What are some hindrances to our being reconciled to Him?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. Contrast the differences between being "at home in the body" on earth versus being "out of the body and at home with the Lord". What is Paul's constant desire (5:9)?

5. What is Paul's continual aim (5:9)? Ultimately, what will each of us have to do according to v 10? On what basis will we be rewarded (1 Cor. 3:10-15)?

Digging Deeper

6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. What are some of the major ideas/themes that are discussed in these verses?

7. What effect should knowing that we will each appear before the judgment seat of Christ have on us (v 11)? What was the purpose of Paul's and our ministry (5:20)?

8. Those who opposed Paul (Judaizers) focused on the externals of the Law (what is seen). Where was Paul's focus (5:12-13)? What was Paul's defense to their accusations that he and those with him were "beside ourselves" (out of their minds, insane)?

9. For whom was Paul's/our ministry (5:13)? Why should we be like Paul and live so selflessly (vv 14-15)?

10. Why should the love of Christ "control" (compel) us (5:14-16)? How had Christ demonstrated His love for us? What affect should His death have on us?

11. At one point Paul regarded Christ from according to the flesh (5:17). But what happened in his life (Acts 9:1-6)? How did his attitude toward Jesus change? How did his attitude toward people change? Who transforms a person from self-centeredness to selflessness?

12. What does it mean to be "in Christ" (2 Cor. 5:17)? What is the effect of being "in Christ"?

13. How has God reconciled us to Himself (5:18-21)? How has God commissioned us? What are the implications of being an "ambassador" for Christ? What is our mission/message?