

Reconciliation with God Sunday: 02/18/24 – Pastor Saolomon Moucheupao – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Overview

This week Pastor Saolomon led us through 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 with a focus on reconciliation. In our passage we see God's work, that he, in Christ has reconciled us to him. For those who have their faith in Christ, we are a new creation. The old has passed away and God has made all things new. Pastor Saolomon used the example conflicts we have in our lives to point us to what sin does to our relationship with God. Saolomon pointed out that it was understatement simple say we have a gap in our relationship with God. The gravity of our sin is something we cannot even comprehend, we deserve death and without Christ the judgement would be unbearable. We are so fortunate to have a God who initiates. We have a God that not only made a way of reconciliation but a God who would want to use us. The plea from this passage is that we would be reconciled to God and want to help others to do the same.

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Outline

1. New creation in Christ
 - a. Old realities and ways
 - b. The new has come
2. The mystery and message of reconciliation
 - a. What is it?
 - b. God's initiative and purpose
3. Ambassadors for Christ
 - a. Are you reconciled to God?
 - b. God appeals through us

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Saolomon had us confirm that we have all had conflict in life, even with loved ones. Can you describe how a small conflict in your life has broken a relationship?
 - a. Does time by itself cause reconciliation?
 - b. What steps have helped restore this relationship?
2. In verse 20 we see that we are ambassadors for Christ and that God makes his appeal through us. From this, Pastor Saolomon pointed out that we all have a ministry. How can the idea of helping others to be reconciled to God change the way to interact with our co-workers, neighbors, and family?
3. The church grows by lost people being found. Knowing that God wants to use you, what are the ways he currently uses you and new ways you can reach lost people?
4. How does the idea that God does the work of changing hearts help you as an ambassador?
5. As you listened to the sermon did anything else stand out?