

SERMON OUTLINE

In 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2 Paul provides 3 truths concerning reconciliation which fuel our ministry as Ambassadors for Christ.

- I. Reconciliation produces newness.
 - A. A new view of Christ (v. 16).
 - B. A new creation (v. 17).
- II. Reconciliation is from God.
 - A. Who worked through Christ (v. 18a, 19a).
 - B. Who brings us back to Himself (v. 18b, 19b).
 - C. Who forgives our sin (v. 19c).
- III. Reconciliation is preached by ambassadors of Christ through whom God works.
 - A. We have a ministry (v. 18c).
 - B. We have a message (v. 19d-6:2).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 18, 2018

Passage: Various

Memory Passage: 1 Peter 3:13-17 (we will memorize these verses this week and next week)

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Luke 10:25-37.** Our approach this week will be a bit different for us. We will investigate from Luke & John's gospels 5 encounters Jesus has with those needing the gospel and then identify principles we might add as tools to our evangelism tool box. We are not seeking to develop a checklist, or a specific way we *must* evangelize, rather, we are identifying different ways Jesus engaged people in need of Himself so we can learn how to love, listen to, learn from, and lead those with whom we have the opportunity to talk about Jesus. Each day you will consider a different passage and answer the same set of questions, which are: (1) Identify everything you learn about the person Jesus engages (consider nationality, religion, sex, social status, employment, attitude, assumptions they have, and more). (2) How does Jesus approach them (stern, gentle, with answers to their questions, with questions for them, clearly or in parables, etc.)? (3) What does Jesus learn from the person (or know because He is God) that leads him to address them in this way? (4) Does Jesus address their real needs, felt need, or both? (5) Does Jesus demand a decision from them, leave them to think and ponder what He has said, send them away with questions, or something else entirely? (6) What else do you observe about the people involved or Jesus' interaction with them that is relevant but not covered in the previous questions? (7) What principles can you draw from this encounter that will increase the tools you have in your evangelism tool box, and what would you learn from the person you are speaking with that would cause you to use each tool?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Read John 4:1-45. Answer the questions listed in Day 1.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Read Luke 7:36-50. Answer the questions listed in Day 1.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read John 3:1-15.** Answer the questions listed in Day 1.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Read Luke 18:18-30. Answer the questions listed in Day 1.

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Learning Evangelism from Jesus