



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CONNECT • GROW • SHARE • PRACTICE

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2 Corinthians - Chapter 5

Connect

1. Consider connecting with your group over a shared meal this week. Maybe have a potluck or something themed, where everyone brings their favorite childhood dish.

Grow

2. Reflecting on our previous week's discussion about the challenges of making time for the Lord, let's now consider our individual experiences with the Holy Spirit. How has the Holy Spirit personally assisted you in staying connected with the Lord this week? In what ways has your personal relationship with God deepened, and how do you plan to continue relying on the Holy Spirit to remain firmly rooted in His presence?
3. A few weeks ago, the sermon mentioned the cauldron illustration for how we share the real answers to the question "how are you?". We can choose surface response, a little bit deeper, or the vulnerable deep answer with how we're really doing. How did you practice vulnerability this week?

Share

4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-2. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon? What has been most impactful to you in this series?
5. The word "therefore" in scripture invites the reader to observe/investigate the information previously stated. The word "therefore" is used seven times in this chapter. What are the main ideas associated with those "therefore" statements?
6. Eternal values are driving the ministry Paul is inviting the Corinthian church to experience. What are those values listed in this chapter? How much of your daily life is driven by an eternal perspective and the values motivating Paul? How can you live more intentionally with an eternal mindset?
7. For those who have embraced the gospel, they are reconciled (restore friendly relations between) into a perfect, new, and eternal relationship with God. How are you experiencing the freedom of having a reconciled relationship with God? How is this transforming your relationships with others in your marriage, with your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.?

Practice: Living on Purpose - An Ambassador for Christ

8. To be an ambassador is to be someone who acts as a representative or "messenger" of something. In Christ, we are now ambassadors of Him. Alone we cannot do this but in the Spirit, He is working in us to do just this. Spend 5 minutes in prayer. What came up during your time? What might the Lord be calling you to do to live as an ambassador for Him? What is He doing and how do you participate with Him in the work that He is doing? Open up to him in prayer and recite Psalm 139:23-24: **23** Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; **24** And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.