

## Small Groups and Personal Bible Study – Week of 12/3 “Living for Christ”

### This Weeks Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:9

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

#### Daily Reading Schedule:

- Day 1 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- Day 2 - 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- Day 3 - 2 Corinthians 6:1-18
- Day 4 - 2 Corinthians 7:1-16
- Day 5 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-24

### Small Group Study Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### 1. In your own words, describe what moves us to please Christ.

*It is His grace alone that moves me to please Him. No other reason is acceptable to God. I cannot earn more of His pleasure. I cannot earn His approval for my life. I can't balance the scale of my shortcomings with good works. I can't do anything of value apart from a sacrifice of gratitude for His love. It is only because I recognize His love and I desire to worship and serve Him as Lord of my life.*

#### 2. Our memory verse says, “We make it our goal to please him.” How do you please Christ with your life?

*Let people share their thoughts. I have found obedience to His word as an important part of living to please him. I find that seeking His will and joining in what He is already doing around me is my calling to please Him.*

#### 3. What is our ministry calling according to our study text found in 2 Corinthians 5:14-21?

*We have a call to show Jesus to the world. As a new creation, a reconciled child we are called to let others know what we have in Christ.*

#### 4. What does it mean to be an ambassador of Christ?

*An ambassador is a representative, a person that fills in for another. A person in a foreign land bringing a message from their homeland. We are indeed Christ's ambassadors. We represent Him in this world. We bring a message of His grace to a lost world.*

Knowing we are Christ's ambassadors changes the way we view our life in this world. We are in the world but we are not of the world. We are here for a reason. A good friend of mine once said, “There are only two things you can't do in heaven that you can do on earth, one is to sin and the other is to tell people about Jesus! Which thing do you think He left you here to do?”