

God's Heart Towards People Outside the Family

March 14—20

OPEN IN PRAYER

BEGIN BY READING: I Corinthians 3:6-9 & II Corinthians 6:1-2

- *In your own words, what does it mean to be “God’s fellow workers”?*

Sharing our faith in Christ, or personal witnessing, is a topic that is probably talked about more often than it’s actually practiced. The Bible says that we are to be, “God’s fellow workers.” This phrase is about the responsibility that each of us has to share our faith with others. We have been offered the awesome possibility to share the hope and love of Jesus Christ. What a gift!

REFLECT

- *What “compels” you? What gets you excited or motivated to action?*

Read II Corinthians 5:14-17

Most of us are compelled to action by our convictions. What we believe in, or those things about which we are absolutely convinced, are the primary motivators in our lives.

- *Ask yourself, how compelled or motivated are you to reaching people who are living far from God? What helps make you more compelled, and what hinders your motivation?*

Read II Corinthians 5:20

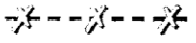
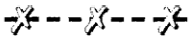
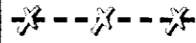

The word “committed” means: To give charge or trust, to bring together, deliver for safekeeping, to pledge, to bind oneself.

- *How committed are you personally to being an “ambassador” (witness) for Jesus?*
- *How committed is your small group to outreach and evangelism? Has your small group added new Christians to its membership this last year? (why or why not?)*

Reaching people far from God takes commitment, and it means being intentional about being God’s fellow workers. We are called to lay the groundwork for helping others encounter God’s message of hope and life.

Read I Corinthians 3:5-9

- *How can your small group engage in the following:*

Preparing the soil	Sowing the seed	Cultivating the soil	Reaping the harvest
			

- *How is your small group functioning as God’s fellow workers in preparing the soil, sowing seeds, cultivating, and looking towards the harvest?*

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