



PRAYER: Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer.

Leaders, it's your call; you may choose to incorporate more information/scriptures as time allows for your small group lesson. **Reflecting:** Pastor John is teaching on the 3D challenge... the strategy we are implementing at Central Community to accomplish the mission God has called us to which is "changing lives... turning uncommitted people into fully devoted followers of Christ." Leaders, you may want to reflect and reiterate from Sunday's message including 1) Build a relationship 2) Build a bridge 3) Build a faith and 4) Build a life like Christ. If you were unable to hear the message first hand, please go online to listen to it first at www.centralcommunity.org.

Leaders, also be sensitive to those small group members who have yet to receive Christ and the forgiveness of sin that He offers. Be prepared to lead those individuals to Christ personally or by enlisting the help of another in the group who will be equally prepared to share Christ's gospel.

OPENER: If you were appointed as an ambassador of the United States in a foreign country, where would you like to be sent?

Read: 2 Corinthians 2:17, 5:11-21

DISCUSS: What is Paul's motive for evangelism in verse 10-11? In verse 14? How do they fit together?

How would someone motivated by these values stand in contrast to someone motivated by those mentioned in 2:17 and 5:12?

What does Paul mean by what he says about Christ and our response to Him? (verses 15-17; see also Romans 6:5-13)?

How does this make you feel about your past life? Your life now?

What does "reconciliation" mean? Is there a story from your life that illustrates this?

What does being a "minister of reconciliation" look like? In what specific ways can we fill that role?

What does God do through Christ? (verse 18)... Through us? (verse 20)... For us? (verses 17-18)

Read: 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

DISCUSS: What motivation does Paul give to share your faith? What motivates you? What inhibits you?

These verses convey a sense of urgency. How can we have that same sense of urgency? (e.g., recognizing that we don't know the hour or day that Christ will return, we should not want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to receive Him spiritually before He returns)

In light of your experiences of alienation and reconciliation in others relationships, at what stage is your relationship with God? If you have no relationship with God through His Son Jesus, are you ready to receive Him now?

What excuses keep you from "drawing people to discover Christ"?

PLAN for ACTION:

How is the lesson speaking personally to you?

Is there someone special God has laid on your heart He wants you to draw to Him?

What are some specific things you can do to help draw this person to discover Christ?

How can this group pray for you this week?

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