

Message Summary: Two deep, basic human needs of every person: the need to be **right with God**, and the need to be **right with each other**. Not only has God cleared the path for us to be right with Him but we have the responsibility to be right with each other with the main responsibility now of pointing out to the world how to be reconciled with God. The Bible calls it the ministry of reconciliation.

Focus on Christ not on Crisis

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

1. Focus on Christ

A. We are reconciled to God v.17,18

2. Focus on Christ not on Crisis

A. We should be reconciling with each other v.19

3. Focus on Christ not on Crisis to fulfill the Commission

A. We have to point out to the world how to be reconciled with God. v.19,20,21

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT – (5min) Sing praise to the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT- (10min) What about you is most difficult for your acquaintances to understand or accept?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 and review Sunday's sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. Why was it necessary for Christ to die in order for us to be reconciled to God?
2. How does it affect you when a person is caught doing what he or she tells others not to do?
3. How do displays of anger and temper affect the witness of a Christian?
4. Where is your ministry of reconciliation with people in your life?
5. What is one way you can represent Christ to your friends and coworkers this week?

APPLY IT- (15min) What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion Group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?