

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, September 22, 2019



Who's Your One?

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Get to Know You

What is a substitute that you absolutely must refuse every time it is suggested? (For Example: Mr. Pibb for Dr. Pepper or Pepsi for Coke)

Study the Book

Definite Transformation

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

We see Christ and people differently after being saved. How does a believer's perception of Jesus and others change when placing their faith in Jesus Christ?

What are some of the great transformation stories that you have heard about someone coming to faith in Christ?

What are some of the thoughts, attitudes, and/or actions that you put away once you became a new creation?

Divine Initiation

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

What is the most repeated word in these two verses? _____

In your own words, how would you define reconciliation?

What does it mean that God "reconciled us to himself through Christ?"

What is the “ministry of reconciliation” that Paul is talking about? How are we to carry out this ministry?

Defined Commission

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20

What does it mean that we are Christ’s ambassadors?

Read verse twenty in multiple translations. What words are used to describe how we are to communicate the message of reconciliation?

In our own words, how would you describe the attitude/demeanor/mindset we are to have as we share Christ based on verse 20?

Dramatic Transaction

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

What does it mean that Christ’s death was a vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice? (Feel free to look up these words on your phones.)

Why does this substitute bring joy instead of consternation (unlike some of the other substitutes discussed at the beginning of class)?

How is Christ the perfect substitute?

Group Application Discussion

Review the three takeaways from the sermon this morning:

1. Reconciliation is God's initiative.
2. God acted through Jesus to provide reconciliation.
3. God uses those who have been reconciled to help reconcile others.

How does being an ambassador for Christ affect our mindset as we approach each and every day?

Who is the one person that you need to pray for and share Christ with within the course of the next two weeks?

Live the Book (Personal Reflection and Application)

Pray for and share the gospel with one person within the next two weeks. Who is your one?