

Date: November 25, 2018
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
Series: Heart of a Disciple



“Come follow me.” Words Jesus spoke to two people who would be part of a movement that God used to transform people lives. What would it mean for Jesus to ask you to follow him? Explore the heart behind someone who says, “I follow Jesus.”

2 Corinthians Overview:

Author and Date: Paul the apostle around 50-56 A.D.

First readers and their location: Paul wrote this letter around six years after visiting the Christians in Corinth. It was written to Christians in the city of Corinth. A common adjective describing Corinth was, “wealthy” (Chrysostom 44-115 A.D.).

Why was it written?:

The letters of 1 and 2 Corinthians addresses a number of issues regarding the church in Corinth. This second letter by Paul was written for a number of reasons.

- Paul’s first letter wasn’t well received because of the presence of false apostles in the church.
- Paul desired unity in the church, reconciliation and forgiveness among believers, generosity toward others, and Paul’s message of Jesus being superior to that of false apostles.

Open-up

Have you ever had to be an advocate for someone else (Playground fight, family, student...)? What happened?



Into the Bible

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What is it that motivated Paul to do what he did? What practical application should there be for us?

What are the characteristics of someone who is in Christ? What role did Christ play in making that a reality?

From the following passages, what does it say about reconciliation with God? (Ro. 3:24–26; 11:15, 1 Jno. 2:1, 2; 4:10, Ps. 32:1, 2. Is. 43:25; 44:22, Ro. 4:6–8)



Into my life

Ask the question, "What does this look like in my life?"

How does it look for you to no longer live for yourself but for Christ who died for you?

This passage says, "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new has here! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ." What challenge is their in this in how you relate to God? In how you relate to others? In how you view yourself?

What is the challenge for you in being an ambassador for Christ? What fears do you have? What hope do you have? (Pray for each other in this)

(More application questions on the reverse)



Into the World

Ask, "what does this look like in my church or world?"

How will you be an ambassador for Christ this week? What will your motivation be?

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week?
(Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on

More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://www.precept.org/know-gods-word/>

On Giving

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-4-why-you-should-not-tithe-selected-scriptures>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/7-reasons-christians-not-required-to-tithe/>

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