



2 Corinthians: Triumph in Trials

Week 8: Christ's Ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5:11 – 6:2

Feedback from last week: Our Eternal Glory

Has last week's passage and session changed you in any way this week? Has you reflected this week at all on seeing things from an 'eternal perspective'? Has this helped you see your 'light and momentary troubles' any differently?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11 – 6:2 (twice preferably!)

Questions (choose some from):

- 1) Is there anything that specifically spoke to you from the Sermon on Sunday?
- 2) What does Christ's love (v14) really mean to you (don't give the answer you know you ought to give – be honest!)? Does it 'compel' you to do anything?
- 3) What do v14-15, 21 say to us about the gospel? How do these verses add to the simple 'Jesus died for me so I have my "ticket to heaven" gospel'?
- 4) v16-17 How are we now to see ourselves and others in the light of what Jesus has done? What does that mean for you in reality living life on your 'frontlines'?
- 5) These verses call us to be 'ambassadors' (v20) and to have a 'ministry of reconciliation' (v18). What do you think that means for you in your everyday life? Have you any stories to share of how you have lived those things out?

Respond and Encounter:

Some suggestions:

- 1) In 2's and 3's share more about one of your frontlines and what it means to be an 'ambassador' there. Are there any specific issues you need prayer for at the moment. Share those things and pray for each other.
- 2) In a time of silence name people who you know who need to be 'reconciled to God.' Offer them in prayer together and commit to praying for one of them this week that you will have the chance to be an ambassador to them.

- 3) Play When I survey the wondrous cross (<https://youtu.be/kimLXNhzZMA?feature=shared>) together and dwell again what Jesus has done for you.

Focus particularly on the words of the last verse:

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all*

How is God's love compelling you to live? What might Jesus be saying to you today?

Key verses to meditate on this week:

'We are therefore Christ's Ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.' (2 Corinthians 5:20a)