

Life Group Discussion Guide

September 15 – 2 Corinthians 5 – The Motivation and Ministry of a Disciple

Icebreaker:

Share an experience where you were away from home and tremendously glad to be back home when you returned. What was the experience and why were you glad to be back home?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Life in this body is MOMENTARY. Have someone read 2 Cor 5:1-10.
 - a. Paul might have been the first person to say, "Don't worry, it's a **rental!**" 😌
 - b. Compare and contrast the actions you take and the energy you spend to hold onto earthly physical life for yourself and your family versus what you are doing to have spiritual life. What does each look like? What is your motivation for each?

2. What is our MOTIVE for being a Christian? Have someone read 2 Cor 5:11-14.

- a. Why do YOU serve the Lord? What drives your discipleship? (*Try to give an honest "gut" answer, not the "Sunday School Approved" response.*)
 - Out of habit?
 - To meet others' expectations?
 - To be an example to your kids?
 - Out of love for spouse?
 - The prospect of facing the actual Creator?
- Out of love for God?
- As repayment for salvation (I owe it to God)?
- Out of gratitude for forgiveness?
- Fear of hell?
- Some other motivation?
- b. In this sermon Randy made it clear, we need look at God / His Nature / His Character in a raw way.
 - i. Share some ways you have come face to face with the raw nature/character of God.
 - ii. Along those same lines, what does the fear of the Lord mean to you?
 - iii. What ideas do you have to increase yours / others "fear of the Lord"?
 - iv. Describe, in your words, how fear and love can coexist. Consider exploring **1 John 5:3**.

For points 3 and 4, have someone read **2 Cor 5:15-21**.

3. The Message of the Gospel

- a. What is your simple restatement of the Gospel (the Good News from God)?
- b. Why is it beautiful to you?

4. The Mission

- a. The mission to which you have been entrusted --- reconciliation with God for you and others. Can you think of other verses that align with this?
- b. Use your relationships to sync with how **reconciled** versus **not reconciled** feels. If your children, friends, parents are not aligned with your core values, how does it affect your relationship? If they overtly disparage your core values, how does it affect your relationship? If they reject your request for them to do something important, how does it affect your relationship?
- c. God is offering Jesus as a way to be reconciled to His nature. How would you tell a 10-year-old what it means to be reconciled/not reconciled to Him?

Actions for the Week:

- 1. What are 1 or 2 things you can do differently this week heighten your proper fear of God?
- 2. What is one thing you could do this week to help someone else see the raw power and character of God?
- 3. Is there any adjustment needed in how you talk to God? If so, note it and try out the adjustment this week.

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at <u>lcc.org/whats-happening</u>

All Campus

- Sword Ceremony: Sept. 15. First Graders receive a Bible!
- Night of Prayer Armor of God: Sept. 23, 6:30 7:30 pm at every campus.
- "Too Proud to Beg" Concert: Oct. 6, 6:00 8:00 pm. Blue Valley Campus.
- Legacy's Annual Banquet: Nov. 17 at 5:00 pm. Overland Park Convention Center.

Local Serving Opportunities to Share with Your Group:

These are the serving requests we have received over the past few weeks!

KU Campus Christians - For more info, contact Jill at kjinman@sbcglobal.net.

• Provide and serve a meal to KU Students on Monday nights. Wonderful opportunity for a Life Group service project! Sign up here: <u>KUCC Meal Sign-Up for 2024-2025</u>