



Oakwood

CHURCH

January 23 Discussion Questions

“Gospel Clarity in Relationships”

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

OPENING QUESTION

1. Knowing your personality, would you rather work from home or work onsite? Why? In what way(s) did the COVID season change your work rhythm?

PRAY - Pray for God’s blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ THE PASSAGE — 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION QUESTIONS

2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16. You can’t make a second first impression. How do you get past looking at someone in a purely human way?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. You are a new creation in Christ. Discuss how you are a new creation in Christ even when you sin. How does struggling with sin or past guilt not affect your status of being a new creation in Christ?
4. A lot of Christians either use or have heard the phrase ‘free grace’. Does sin become easier to fall into when thinking of grace as free versus thinking about the cost paid by Christ on the cross? Why or why not?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. In these verses Paul uses the word *reconciliation* five times. Think of a relationship with a friend, relative, or co-worker that needs to be restored. What steps have to happen for an earthly relationship to be restored? In what ways does this restoration compare to being restored to God?
6. Discuss what it means to be an ambassador for Christ.

7. Who is someone God is calling you to be an ambassador for Christ to? Considering your relationship with this person, what does this look like for you?
8. "Reconciled people live reconciled lives." How and when should someone's life change after they become a Christian? What role does Christian community have in changing someone's life?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. This is a great summary of what happened on the cross. Christ became sin so that those who believe would become the righteousness of God. Do you think of yourself as being the righteousness of God? Why or why not?
10. How did the story of Corrie Ten Boom strike you? In what way is it calling you to respond?

PRAYER

- Personal Request: Pray for opportunities to share the gospel as Christ's ambassadors.
- Ministry Request: **Jake and Jill Collins** serving with *Love is Ministry* in the Tampa Bay area: Pray for God's guidance and provision as they equip the Body of Christ to serve and reach refugees with the love of Christ (soccer ministry, tutoring, kids clubs and summer camps).