

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

2 Corinthians Series

These questions are for the **August 5, 2018** sermon, "New Creation People." Please read the sermon passage (2 Corinthians 5:16-19) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE CONSIDER HOW GOD RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF, NOTE . . .

1. The changed perspective God instills in us (16)
 - a. We do not regard people according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
 - i. God does not negate the external, but he looks on the internal.
 - ii. Things that we do not "regard" people according to . . .
 1. nationality/race (Galatians 3:28), gender, education, economics
 2. Never alienate because of externals/cultural.
 - b. The world regards Christ according to the flesh (teacher, physical), but we see that he is the Messiah sent from God to take away the sins of those who trust him.
 - c. Whereas the world divides over differences (and has become fragmented),
 - d. The church unites under Christ, regardless of differences.
2. The new creation God provides for us (17)
 - a. As new creation people, we have been impacted by what Christ has accomplished.
 - b. We are STILL being impacted (now!) by the work that Christ accomplished.
 - c. Everything is new in Christ.
3. The reconciling message God entrusts to us (18-19)
 - a. In a world of division and fragmentation, the church has a message of reconciliation.
 - b. We are positioned on the way with a message of hope and renewal.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: In what way do you honestly judge people according to their external appearance? Give an example where you think too lowly of people because of their externals. Give an example of where you pay too much attention to someone because of externals. Why do we struggle so much with this simple truth: God looks on the heart.
2. Based on #2, above: We can have unity because we share new life in Jesus Christ. In what way has Jesus Christ made everything new for you? How is your attitude new? How is your outlook new? How is your anxiety and anger made new in Christ? How did God continue his work on your marriage and parenting or singleness today? How is that new?
3. Based on #3, above: People are divided over ridiculously small things. Have you noticed that? Have you spoken the message of reconciliation in Christ to some recently? Why is reconciliation so refreshing?
4. Based on #3, above: God has entrusted the work of bringing the good news about Jesus into your hands. How might you progress in your passion and faithfulness in bringing this message to your coworkers and neighbors?
5. How can we pray for you?