

New Purpose... Pointing People to Jesus

2 Corinthians 2:5-17

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Family Devotions: Share with your children what you learned in the sermon & ask

Elementary Children & Youth: What is something about God that you can tell your friends?

Youth: Why is it hard to talk about God with people who believe something different than you do?

Branch Group Questions: Reflect on these questions to deepen your applications

1. From verses 5-8, what do you think has happened since this letter was received?
2. Why does Paul encourage forgiving other people, especially those within the church? (v. 7-8)
3. What does this passage teach us about the nature of church discipline (see Matt 18:15-20 for more insights)?
4. Paul turns down an opportunity for ministry that the Lord has "opened" (2:12); when is it right to turn down opportunities for ministry?
5. Until Titus returns with "good news" (see 2 Cor 7:6-13), Paul has "no peace of mind" (2:13). What does that say about Paul's concern for the church?
6. How can the same gospel be either the smell of death or the fragrance of life (2:15-16)?
7. How can you spread the "aroma of Christ" in your home? In your place of work?
8. Who is someone you can verbally point to Jesus this week?

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.