

New Purpose... Pointing People to Jesus

2 Corinthians 2:5-17

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2 Cor 5:20 ... This is our New Purpose... pointing people to Jesus!

Pointing people to Jesus in:

2 Cor 2:5-11... Forgiveness of their offenses

Restoring work towards sinners is just as important as rebuking work.

To withhold our forgiveness from the repentant person is to play into the hands of Satan.

If God has forgiven this person, who are we to withhold the church's acceptance of the person

We point people to Jesus by forgiving others as God has forgiven us (Col 3:13)

God calls us to forgive beyond the level of our instincts (Matt 18:21-22)

2 Cor 2:12-13... Obedience to the Spirit

We point people to Jesus by not settling for "good enough" instead of being led to God's best!

v. 14-17... Calling to Life out of Death

The Gospel Reality in our lives, points people to Jesus, calling them to life out of death

1 Cor 2:1-2

Col 1:28-29

John 4:29, 39, 42... a most unlikely person pointing people to Jesus

How to verbally Point People to Jesus

To those who are already followers of Jesus:

Bless with Scripture; share what you are reading in the Bible

To those not yet a follower of Jesus:

- 1) Tell people you are a Christian
- 2) Tell people why you are a Christian
- 3) Tell people how you became a Christian
 - a. Admit rebellion against God and need for forgiveness
 - b. Confess Jesus is God, and His death/resurrection is enough for your forgiveness
 - c. Surrender your life's purpose to follow Jesus' teachings

Building Block:

Living in the Reality of the Resurrection... means having a New Purpose – Point people to Jesus!