



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 9/29/2019
DISCUSSION DATE: 10/6/2019
TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-15

I. A FUTURE THAT AWAITS (VV. 1-13)

A. A resurrected, perfected, and glorified body (vss. 1-4)

B. A presence with the Lord in heaven (vss. 5-8)

C. Rewards to come (vss. 9-13)

II. A COMPELLING LOVE (VSS. 14-15)

A. The love of Christ

- 1. The love of Christ restrains*
- 2. The love of Christ compresses*
- 3. The love of Christ compels*

B. The sacrificial love of Christ

III. A LIFE LIVED FOR HIM

FOR CONFERENCING

1. Give an example of a man or woman in history who did extraordinary things because their energy was channeled by a compelling force, an irresistible motivation, or a life mastering principle.
2. What is the chief end of man? How would you define or describe that?
3. **(Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-4)** List two or three glorious things that await the believer in heaven. Why does Paul use the metaphor of a tent to represent the human body? What is the point of the metaphor?
4. **(Read 2 Corinthians 5:5-8)** What are some ways the believer can know the Lord and fellowship with Him?
5. **(Read 2 Corinthians 5:9-11, Romans 14:10-12, 2 Timothy 4:8, & I Corinthians 3:8-14)** What is the judgment for the believer that Paul describes in 2 Cor. 5:10? What will be made manifest and evaluated in this judgment?
6. In 2 Cor. 5:11, what is meant by “the terror of the Lord?” What is a proper definition and description of “the fear of the Lord?” How should a proper fear of the Lord effect your life? The fear of the Lord comes as one gains a knowledge of God and has a relationship with God. What is God’s primary attribute and state how your knowledge of that impacts your life and how it should affect the way you live? List some of the other attributes of God (both of His greatness and goodness) and then state how your knowledge of those attributes should impact you and even affect the way you live.
7. **(Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)** How did the love of Christ compel Paul? What did it cause him to do?
8. How has the love of God been demonstrated to you? List many ways you can demonstrate your love for God.
9. In verse 13, it was said of Paul that he and his teammates were “beside themselves.” His critics and false teachers claimed he was out of his mind. Why do you think that was said of Paul? How does Paul respond to the comment? Do you think a devoted Christian today would be considered the same? Why? Should that be an encouragement to be considered as such or should it bring discouragement? Why might the world have that impression about a devoted follower of Christ today? In verse 13 he was also labeled as being of “sound mind.” This was not necessarily considered a compliment. It meant single-minded to a fault and to the point of being dogmatic. In what ways may devoted followers today be considered single-minded? In what areas should a devoted follower of Christ be dogmatic today?
10. Using 2 Corinthians 5:14-19, Galatians 2:19-20, and Colossians 3:1-4, explain what it means to say that in Christ’s death we die and in Christ’s life we live.