

## The Ministry of Reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

**Topics:** Ambassadors, Forgiveness, Grace, Love, Ministry, New Life, Reconciliation

### Open It

- \* 1. When have you seen someone change in a significant way?
- 2. What about you is most difficult for your acquaintances to understand or accept?

### Explore It

- 3. Why did Paul try to persuade others to follow Christ? (5:11)
- 4. Why was Paul concerned about justifying his ministry to the Christians at Corinth? (5:12)
- 5. How were Paul's opponents building themselves up at his expense? (5:12)
- 6. What motivated Paul? (5:14)
- \* 7. Why did Christ die for everyone? (5:15)
- 8. How did Paul change the way he looked at people? (5:16)
- 9. What is true about every person in Christ? (5:17)
- 10. What happened when God sent His Son to earth? (5:18)
- 11. What does God do with our sins when we are reconciled to Him? (5:19)
- \* 12. How is a Christian an ambassador? (5:20)
- 13. Why did Paul try to persuade the Corinthians to respond to God's Word? (6:1)
- \* 14. Why should we listen carefully to the message about Christ? (6:1-2)

### Get It

- 15. How do Christians sometimes take pride in ministries that give them attention and popularity?
- 16. How is it possible for us to be motivated both by the fear of the Lord and Christ's love?
- 17. Why was it necessary for Christ to die in order for us to be reconciled to God?
- 18. In what ways do people today receive the grace of God in vain?
- 19. In what ways are all Christians new creations?
- 20. For what other Christians are you concerned?
- 21. How can you encourage your Christian friends to listen to God's Word?
- 22. How did God make His reconciliation with you?
- 23. How can you personally be involved in the ministry of reconciliation?
- \* 24. What difference does it make that Christians are counted as Christ's ambassadors?
- \* 25. Where is your ministry of reconciliation?
- 26. To whom are you an ambassador?

### Apply It

- \* 27. What is one way you can represent Christ to your friends and coworkers this week?
- 28. What Christian friend can you encourage to listen to God's Word? How?