



A New Day...

January 3/4, 2015

2 Corinthians 5:14-21



OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon)

READ 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

- ▢ Read the text a couple times. Try reading the text from different translations.
- ▢ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are. What is God saying to you through His Word?
- ▢ Reflect on the sermon from the weekend regarding this passage. What aspects or truths from the sermon left an impression on you and why? What would it look like for you to live for Jesus in 2015?

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the scripture)

- ▢ When did you first realize Jesus died for you? Have everyone in the group share...
- ▢ How is the love of Christ "controlling" you today?
- ▢ What do Paul & Timothy mean that they "regard no one according to the flesh"?
- ▢ What does Paul mean by new creation/creature? How are you living in that truth?
- ▢ Are there areas of your life that need to be reconciled with who God is?
- ▢ Who are you needing to be reconciled with? If no one, who can you pray for that they would be reconciled to God and/or others?

EVERYDAY - EVERYWHERE

Paul & Timothy clearly summarize the reason they live in 2 Corinthians 5:21:

"For our sake He (God) made Him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

Who do you know that needs to hear this truth?

Pray for these people as a group.

Commit to be an "ambassador" in all you do and say in 2015. Ask God for opportunities to make disciples of others by sharing the reconciling love of God in Jesus!

NEXT STEPS

(This section is how to 'put the rubber to the road' so to speak, and is created for us to grow deeper with each other as we process the implications of the text)

- ▢ Take some time to reflect on what the Spirit is saying to you and your group through God's Word. Who are you being asked to be and/or what are you being asked to do to live for Jesus in 2015?