



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Make A Difference: Part 3

### Small Group Questions: Ministry of Reconciliation

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#### Read

2 Cor. 5:14–21 and Acts 28:30–31

#### Reflect

Pastor Michael Murphy discusses how 2 Corinthians 5 focuses on the ministry and message of reconciliation. The four Gospels tell the story of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, and end with amen—they are complete. Yet other books of the Bible, such as Acts are written in a way that suggest something ongoing—that something more is expected—of us.

1. The love of Christ compels us.
  - a. If you have accepted the depth of Christ's love for you, how has it altered your heart and changed your perspective?
    - i. In what ways do you see people differently? Does it make you *want* to see people differently?
    - ii. Is it easier...or at least more of a priority to offer people more grace/forgiveness? Explain.
    - iii. Describe a time you felt compelled to help or spend time with someone—even if it didn't make sense or was inconvenient.
2. God reconciled us to himself in Christ.
  - a. God does not count our sins against us because of the sacrifice Christ made on the Cross for us.
    - i. How much of a struggle is it to accept that God's love is not based on our works?
    - ii. Would you say you walk confidently in knowing God loves you? Explain.
    - iii. If you are feeling a little distant from God, what could be the cause(s)?
3. God has committed to us the message of reconciliation.
  - a. Do you ever worry that you don't know enough when talking with a non-believer? Or even another believer? Explain.
  - b. Describe a time when you felt compelled to speak or do something for someone and God came through with the right words and actions.
  - c. Who might you have given up on...or thought would be too hard of a case to become a believer?
    - i. How might you be short-changing them and the power of the Holy Spirit?
  - d. Do you trust God to partner with you?
  - e. In what ways have you been privileged to be an ambassador for Christ?

**Respond:** What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?