



Real Life Ministry ~ 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (part 2)  
April 19, 2026

next week: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

## Questions for the Community

**What does the Bible say?** (goal: go slow, notice the text, let God speak for Himself in the words of His book)

1. Read the passage out loud together. On this second pass at this passage this week, is there anything new that comes through?
2. What is the clear distinction between who we are (identity) and what we do (mission) in this chapter?
3. In verse 20, how is God communicating with the world? What is surprising about that?
4. How is Paul evangelizing in this text? Is he using a mix of styles? (use one of the "types" discussed on Sunday or make up your own label)
5. Look at verse 21 again. This is a great summary of the Gospel. What questions does it answer that the Gospel addresses?

**What does it mean?** (goal: get to the heart of the text by understanding what Paul is teaching then and how it relates to now)

6. Our identity as *new* and an *Ambassador for Christ* (vss. 17 & 20) tells us a lot about how we are to be accomplishing our mission. Discuss what similarities all Christians share because of the Holy Spirit at work in them.
7. Sunday brought up the idea that God uses all types of people to witness to all types of people. Was there a type that was discussed on Sunday that you resonate with most? Which one or ones?
8. The sermon emphasized that evangelism is both a message and a process. How does this shape the way you think of sharing your faith?

**What do I do?** (goal: move from understanding to faithful, obedient lived response; this is sometimes plain and sometimes requires listening in prayer)

9. Who is one person in your life that God is inviting you to help move from stranger to neighbor to family?
10. What is a specific way you can lean into your evangelism style this week? Is it something you are already doing or something new?
11. Review the 4 questions the Gospel answers. Which of these do you feel strongest talking about? which one is weakest? Discuss as a group and consider role playing to grow in how to talk through the Gospel.
12. Who is your "not today Jesus" person in your life? Will you commit to praying for them everyday this week, trusting that God can save them?
13. Pray for yourself and one another for more. Three categories were mentioned on Sunday...let that be a springboard for what else might be on your mind to ask God for.