



How to Live for Jesus

2 Corinthians 5 | Thomas Slager

REVIEW: Because of the gospel, we look forward with certainty to an eternity in perfect relationship with Jesus. This promise of things to come is meant to give us an inextinguishable hope, no matter what challenges we might face in this life. But this promise is also meant to motivate us to share the hope of the gospel with others as ambassadors for Christ in the midst of a lost and broken world.

Read 2 Corinthians 5, Romans 12:1-2, John 14:1-6

Key ideas:

1. Live in anticipation of an eternity with Jesus
2. Live to please Jesus
3. Live for the love of Jesus
4. Live as a new creation in Jesus
5. Live as a witness of Jesus

Grow in Faith:

1. Paul describes our bodies here on earth as “tents”. What did he mean by that? How do you wrestle with living for the “here and now” verses living for what is to come as a Believer? How did Paul see his life now and his future?
2. In 2 Corinthians 5:7, Paul says that we walk by faith, not by sight. What does “walking by faith” look like? What are some examples in your life of walking by faith?
3. Thomas described verse 10 as the Bema Seat of Christ. What will Believers receive at the Bema judgement? What will non-believers face?

Connect in Community:

4. Paul tells us that each Believer is a minister of reconciliation. What does it mean to be a minister of reconciliation? What do we do? What is our message? Where does a person start a ministry of reconciliation?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. Paul says that the “love of God controls us”. What do you think that means? Do you feel that the love of God controls you? Do you feel that at times you are out of God’s control? What do we do when that happens?

Live on Mission:

6. In verse 20, Paul gives us our mission... Be Ambassadors for Christ! Do some research and list out what Ambassadors do...How can we be Ambassadors for Christ?
7. How will you put this passage into practice?