



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Preaching Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Sermon Series: Foundations  
Sermon Title: Our Values – Faithful Evangelism  
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**Faithful Evangelism:** The gospel is good news—an announcement of Christ’s victory over sin, death, and hell—and we believe this gospel can transform the life of any person, anywhere. Therefore, we want to see every member of CFC actively sharing the gospel by praying for the lost, living Christ-like lives, and proclaiming the gospel personally.

### Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read the statement on faithful evangelism above. Where we say, “We want to see every member of CFC actively sharing the gospel by praying for the lost, living, Christ-like lives, and proclaiming the gospel personally,” **[Q]** which one of those three aspects of evangelism is the most difficult for you? Which one do you tend to do more naturally?
- 2) In teaching 2 Corinthians 5:16 (“we regard no one according to the flesh”), Bart stated that there are two ways to see people: as either reconciled to the God who made them or in rebellion against the God who made them. **[Q]** Why is it hard to see people primarily in these ways?
  - a. Bart went on to say what often matters most to us about people are things like:
    - i. How much money they possess
    - ii. What kind of job they have
    - iii. What school they went to
    - iv. What country they’re from
    - v. What skin color they have
    - vi. Who they know
    - vii. How popular or how powerful they are
    - viii. What they look like
    - ix. How smart they are
    - x. Even how moral they are
  1. **[Q]** If you are honest, which of these most often affects how you think of others, rather than thinking about the condition of their souls?

- 3) Read the lengthier C.S. Lewis quote cited on your note sheet.
  - a. [Q] What strikes you about this quote?
  - b. Bart mentioned that thinking this way does not necessarily mean that we are to be perpetually solemn and serious, but that we should acknowledge that we often are in more danger of being too superficial, rather than too serious. [Q] In what ways was that convicting to you?
  
- 4) Under the point about how it is the kindness of God that he allows us to be used in the ministry of reconciliation, Bart stated that talk about evangelism can make us feel guilty—that it is more weight than wonder, more job than joy. But he went on to say that it is the voice of the Evil One, not the voice of the Spirit, that makes us feel that way.
  - a. [Q] First of all, do you ever feel that way?
  - b. And secondly, [Q] how did this clarification help you?
  
- 5) [Q] What did you find encouraging about the clarifications offered about the ambassador’s role versus the king’s role? (e.g. that it’s not the ambassador’s job to convert, but to compel, etc.)
  
- 6) We were challenged to care more about being prayerful than being fruitful (not that fruitfulness is unimportant). Go around the room and have everyone share a name of someone that they are burdened for their salvation (ideally, someone that you can actually know and impact yourself). \*\*And if you don’t have a person that you are clearly burdened for, be honest enough to ask for prayer that you would be burdened for someone in particular.\*\*
  - a. [Q] As a group, what are some ways you can keep these names before you as well as bring new names as the Lord gives new burdens, for the sake of communal prayer?
  
- 7) Bart challenged us all to have familiarity with the message of reconciliation that has been entrusted to us. One of the ways that he talked about this was having “gospel fluency.”
  - a. [Q] What are some things that have helped you grow in gospel fluency? (e.g. memorizing certain Scriptures, going on short-term mission trips, reading a particular book on evangelism)

### Final Application:

Challenge everyone in the group to memorize 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. The next study night, we will spend time going over the memorized verses in pairs to help spur us on to committing these to memory. The hope is that as we all hide these words in our hearts, it will lead us all to regard no one according to the flesh, to recognize our ambassadorial call, and that we would more readily implore the people around us to be reconciled to God through the gospel of Jesus Christ. As you memorize, pray that memorizing these verses and our living in light of them would bring many unbelievers to Christ through our church.