

# Groups

## ***The Purpose of the Cross: Substitution***

*2 Corinthians 5:11-21*

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### **Getting started**

Do you remember any of your substitute teachers? How was class different with a substitute?

### **Discussion**

*Read the passage and answer the following questions as a group.*

Verse 17 says we are new creations, not just having our sins covered up or brushed under the rug, but completely eliminated by Jesus. If we really believe this to be true, how does it change the way you see yourself? Others? God?

Do you believe that by God sending Jesus as our substitute, He has the power to forgive us and see us as new creations? Do you believe God can give you the power to forgive yourself?

What characteristics do you see in modern Christians behaving like Jesus? What traits do you see in those who assume the role of Pharisees?

How does the crucifixion of Jesus inform your thinking about mob mentality?