

MEMORY VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-19 NLT

¹⁶So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time, we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

******Remember to listen to this week's sermon, review the Sermon Notes Sheet and complete the discussion questions before attending your Connexion Group.***

INTRODUCTION:

When the average person thinks of a "mission" in the context of Christianity, they may think of an assignment to build a school in a remote part of the world, or evangelism in a war-torn country. The mission of the Church is not limited to those who travel to Africa or South America. The Church's mission is given to all Christians. It is for them to work together in forwarding the Gospel of Christ and helping one another to become more like Christ. This week's sermon examines the criticality of each member's role in the mission of the Church.

GROUP LESSON DISCUSSION

1. What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging from this week's sermon?

2. Find and explain key passages in the Bible that talk about Christians being like servants.

How would you describe a servant as it applies to being a member of a church?

3. Some local churches wage war over worship. Members have different styles of preaching, music or even church names they prefer. In your opinion, why do many churches have “worship wars”?

What does that have to do with the right or wrong attitude about the bible's description of church membership?

4. Describe someone in your church that best fits the description of having the mind of Christ and a mission-oriented attitude.

Find key New Testament passages that would fit him or her.

5. Go verse by verse through Philippians 2:5–11. Explain how the attitude of Christ in each verse becomes a pattern for us as church members.”