

WHY SHARE JESUS FOR LIFE?

Talk 3 – Love – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Small group questions

Leaders – Choose *some* from the following. Don't feel the need to work through each one!

If the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer,
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1. What are some ways you've experienced or witnessed Christ's love compelling someone to share their faith?
2. Why might love be a more powerful motivator than fear or obligation when it comes to sharing Jesus with others?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

How Clearly Are You Seeing?

1. **Understanding Love:**
 - How does Paul describe the love of Christ in this passage?
2. **Reflection on Love:**
 - Reflect on a time when you felt deeply loved by someone. How did that impact you?

What's Your Response to What You're Seeing?

1. **Compelled by Love:**
 - In what ways can we see Christ's love compelling us to action in our daily lives?
2. **Living for Christ:**
 - What does it mean to no longer live for ourselves but for Christ, as mentioned in v15?
3. **Ambassadors for Christ:**
 - How can we more effectively serve as Christ's ambassadors in our communities?

How's your sense of God's Love?

1. **Sensing God's Love:**
 - How does knowing you are deeply loved by Jesus change your perspective on life and mission?
2. **Impact of Being Loved:**
 - How can we cultivate a deeper sense of God's love in our daily lives?
3. **Championing God's Love:**
 - How can we become champions for God, living out and sharing his love with others?

Prayer: Lord, help us to see clearly the depth of your love for us. Let this love compel us to live for you and to share your message of reconciliation with others. Empower us as your ambassadors, so that through us, others may come to know your love and be reconciled to you. Amen.

Briefing Notes for Leaders

1. **The Power of Love:**
 - Highlight v14, "For Christ's love compels us," and v21, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Emphasize the concept of substitution and the depth of Christ's sacrificial love.
2. **Reflection on Love:**
 - Encourage personal sharing. Draw parallels to understanding the profound love of Christ and its potential to transform lives.
3. **Compelled by Love:**
 - Discuss practical examples of how understanding Christ's love can motivate evangelism and acts of kindness. Use Paul's example of being "compelled" to share the gospel as a model.
4. **Living for Christ:**
 - Discuss the implications of living a life dedicated to Christ's mission, focusing on selflessness, service, and evangelism.
5. **Ambassadors for Christ:**
 - Explore the role of an ambassador and how group members can represent Christ through words and actions. Emphasize v20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."
6. **Sensing God's Love:**
 - Encourage group members to share personal reflections and experiences of feeling Christ's love. Discuss how this awareness can drive us to Share Jesus for Life.
7. **Impact of Being Loved:**
 - Discuss practices such as prayer, worship, reading Scripture, and being part of a faith community that help deepen the sense of God's love.
8. **Championing God's Love:**
 - Encourage group members to think of specific actions they can take to embody and share Christ's love, such as volunteering, mentoring, or simply being present for someone in need.
9. **Practical Applications:**
 - Encourage group members to think of concrete ways to live out and share Christ's love. Discuss and plan actionable steps that can be taken individually and as a group.