

## **Sermon Questions**

### **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

This week we discussed how to experience genuine life transformation as a result of the gospel. God's design for every believer is to be transformed and conformed to the image of Christ. Using 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 as a foundation we discussed four truths for experiencing total transformation. Allowing God's Word to shape you will help you grow into all that God has designed for you. God's love for you is so great that He will accept you right where you are, but not allow you stay there. Understanding God's love for you and His purpose for you is paramount to experiencing God transforming power. Understanding the truth of God's Word will help you in your growth with Christ and help you become a better ambassador for Him. May His grace about to you as you reflect on this week's message.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

### **Genuine Transformation**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

**Starts with a motivation of love (14-15)**

**Grows from a recognition of identity (16-17)**

**Rooted in a reconciliation of relationship (18-19)**

**Expands through a delegation of authority (20-21)**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email [info@bravechurch.online](mailto:info@bravechurch.online) and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

### **Questions**

1. What does it mean that "Christ's love compels us"? Why is love a necessary motivation? How do we experience God's love? What is the difference between intellectually knowing God's love versus experiencing God's love?
2. How much does God really love you? How do you know? Read John 13:34-35. How should Christians be known? Why is it important for non-believers to know Christians by their love?

3. How did Christ demonstrate love to you? How significant was His love for you? What does it mean that you should no longer live for yourself? How does experiencing Christ's love help you to put others first?
4. Why should we not regard other people according to the flesh? What challenges occur when we regard someone according to the flesh? How should we regard people? Why? What is the significance of seeing others from their perspective and need for Christ?
5. What is your new identity? What does it mean to live out your identity in Christ? What's the difference between a performance plan and trusting your identity in Christ? Why do so many Christians miss out on the beauty of who they truly are in Christ?
6. How can you grow in your identity in Christ? Who does the Bible say you truly are in Christ? What declarations from God's Word can you make over yourself? Why are believing these truths from God's Word so important?
7. How have we been reconciled to God? Who did all that work? What did God do? How many of your sins have been forgiven?
8. What's the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation? How is reconciliation going the extra mile? Why is Christianity first and foremost about a relationship and not simply about religion?
9. How are we to help with the ministry of reconciliation? How are we to help with the Word of reconciliation? Why is it imperative we live AND share the Gospel? What's the problem with sharing the Gospel but not living it? What is the problem with living the Gospel and not sharing it? Why is it imperative we do both? What is at stake?
10. How does the story of Corrie Ten Boom model forgiveness and reconciliation? Why was her story so powerful? How did her story minister to you? Why? How is the story of the Gospel far more powerful than the testimony of Corrie Ten Boom? Why?
11. How has Christ delegated his authority to us? What does He call us in 2 Corinthians 5:20? What does it mean to be Christ's ambassador? What is an ambassador? Where do ambassadors meet? What is Christ's embassy for His ambassadors on this planet? How important is the church? Why?
12. What message is an ambassador to bring? Why should an ambassador spend more time with spiritual issues than social issues? Why should a preacher be more concerned with right vs. wrong rather than right vs. left?
13. What are some of the key social issues of today? What is the spiritual root of these problems? How does the Gospel have an answer for these things?

14. How did Jesus ultimately pay for our sins? Was Jesus a sinner? Why was Jesus punished for our sins if he wasn't a sinner? Describe the beauty of the Gospel. How grateful are you for Christ's work on your behalf?
15. What was your greatest take-a-way from this message? What is God asking you to apply today in your life?