Life Group Discussion Guide for April 14, 2024

**“The Ministry of Reconciliation”**

**Overview:** Some scholars believe that Paul’s use of the word “reconciliation” came from the ancient secular world, where it was a diplomatic term referring to the harmony established between enemies by peace treaties. As “Christ’s ambassador,” Paul was sent to sent to announce that God had established a “peace treaty” with his enemies.

Today’s discussion will center on the reconciliation that we’ve experienced with God through Christ and the challenging calling to experience reconciliation with others.

**Open:** When you think about the word **“reconciliation”** what words or images come into your mind?

**Sharing the Journey~ Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

1. **Focus on verses 17-19.** What do you think Paul wants us to know about our identity as believers?
2. Paul says in verse 20 that we are **Christ’s ambassadors.** What does this mean to you?
3. What things get in the way of us being **effective ambassadors** for Christ?
4. **If Jesus was sent into our modern-day world,** what things do you think he’d want His followers to understand about the ministry of reconciliation?
5. **In verse 21,** Paul circles back to the central theme of the gospel, the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. Knowing what it is like to be alienated and reconciled in other relationships, how is it going in your relationship with God?