



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

3.27.24 - Faith & Culture - Week 3



2 Corinthians 5:11-21

11 Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too. **12** Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart. **13** If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. **14** Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. **15** He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

16 So 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! **17** This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

18 And 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. **19** For 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. **20** So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" **21** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

'WHAT ROLE DO CHRISTIANS PLAY IN SOCIETY?'

Group Questions

1. Have you ever asked yourself the question - "What is my role in society?" Why is that an important question for a teenager to ask? How does finding the answer to this question change the way you live?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. What sticks out to you about these verses? What do these verses teach us about the role that Christians have in society?
3. 2 Corinthians 5:20 says that we are Christ's 'ambassadors'. What is an ambassador? How does viewing yourself as an ambassador of Christ change

- your perspective of how you live in society today? What does it mean that God is making his appeal through us to the world?
4. What are some of the challenges of being an 'ambassador for Christ' in the areas where you live, work and play? How can this group encourage each other to be bold in our faith?
 5. God has restored our relationship to God through Christ. What does it mean that God has given us the ministry of reconciliation and restoration? How have you seen God restore and renew relationships or situations in your life?

2. Prayer

Take some time to pray with your group about being ambassadors for Christ in the areas where they live, work and play. Pray for boldness and for opportunities to bring restoration and reconciliation to others and situations! Pray for students to understand their role as a follower of Christ in society today!

***Next week is R*SQUAD LIVE! Our theme is IN THE WORLD and we are encouraging students / small groups to come dressed as their favorite FOODS!!**

****Camp sign ups are LIVE! Spots are limited and students can sign up through our website - www.rsquad.tv/events**