



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Faithful Witness

Becoming a Reconciling Church

Read/Reflect

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. What is a word or phrase that you would highlight from this passage? Why?
2. Paul uses plenty of images in this passage to talk about how to think of yourself and others. How would you describe what each of these images are?
 - ☐ "from a worldly point of view" (vs.16)
 - ☐ "in Christ" (vs.17)
 - ☐ "a new creation" (vs.17)
 - ☐ reconciled to God (vs.18)
 - ☐ "Christ's ambassadors" (vs.20)
 - ☐ "the righteousness of God" (vs.21)

Explore

3. How do you see yourself in the context of Paul's descriptions (mentioned in question 2)?
4. If Paul is trying portray what a community of Christ looks like in the world, how does New Life church measure up to Paul's description here? Where might you identify opportunities for reconciliation?
5. In your experience of relationships, what's it like to be alienated? To be reconciled? To be an advocate for reconciliation (see Paul's motivation in 2 Cor.5:14,15).
6. From Paul's instruction and from your own experience, what is required for reconciliation to occur (practical steps, attitude etc.)

Pray

- Pray for relationships (maybe with a friend, relative, or co-worker) that need to be restored in your own life.
- Sometimes relationships break to the point that reconciliation can't be complete. Pray for grace and mercy to endure through such painful circumstances.