

Ambassador's SMC

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2 Corinthians 5:18-21, Called to the Ministry of Reconciliation

God Reconciles Sinners to Himself, In Christ, (5:18-19): *"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation".*

Discussion Questions:

1. Think of a relationship with a friend, relative, church member, or co-worker that needs to be restored.
What steps have to happen for an earthly relationship to be restored?
In what ways does this restoration compare to being restored to God?
2. What does it mean to be reconciled to God? Why do we need reconciliation? (see also John 1:12-13).

God Gives Saints the Ministry of Reconciliation, (5:20): *"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."*

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss what it means to be an ambassador for Christ.
2. Based on 2 Cor. 5:18-20, what is our God-given mission?
3. When were you commissioned/appointed by God to be His ambassador?

Christ's Finished Work is the Basis for this Change and Appointment, (5:21): *"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."*

Discussion Questions:

1. How is our reconciliation accomplished?
2. How do we get rid of our sins?