

Making Application from the Message to Life:

6. In Matthew 11:5, Christ comforts John the Baptist (who's on Death Row) by telling him that "the blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them." What was significant about Jesus' words concerning the poor? In what way are we all "poor"?

7. Many of us lead very busy lives. How does this busyness impact our ability to participate in Christ's mission? What changes might He be calling you to undertake so that you *can* participate more fully?

8. Alternatively, how do you incorporate Christ's mission and message into what you already do? In other words, how do you make disciples and share the Gospel to a lost world during the various parts of your day/week?

A Christian's Mission

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

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Introduction: Christ has called us to worship and mission

Christ's Mission

1. Motivation

2. Mindset

3. Message

3. Paul explains that he was motivated to serve Christ because of a) the “terror of the Lord” (NKJV), b) his desire to set an example to believers, and c) Christ’s compelling love. What motivates *you* to serve Christ?

4. How might seeing people from a “spiritual” perspective instead of a human one affect the way we reach out to them?

Message-Based Discussion Questions

1. What has come to mind for you in the past when you heard the word “missionary?” What about the word “mission?”

Digging Deeper:

2. God has given the “message of reconciliation” to us as believers. In your own words, briefly summarize what that message is. On a scale of 0-10, with 0 being not hard at all and 10 being very hard, how hard was it to put the message into your own words? How could you make it easier to do (without compromising the message)?

5. Consider the quote by K.P. Yohannan: “Indirectly, the real Gospel produces more social change than all the efforts [e.g. food programs, humanitarian aide, medical attention, etc.] of the world combined.” What might have been his rationale for saying this? How does his comment prioritize the Gospel over any other help we can offer humanity?