

IMMEASURABLY MORE FOR THE CITY



Compelled

Discussion Guide | April 28, 2019

Questions for Study and Discussion

** Before you begin, please read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 as a group.

1. What we do is driven by what we believe, even in the most basic ways. How have you seen this to be true in your life (at work, in relationships, in how you spend your time, etc.)?
2. Reflecting on verse 11. What does it mean to fear the Lord? How might this phrase be misunderstood?
3. What connections can you draw between “fearing the Lord” and “Christ’s love” (v.14)? How do these phrases contribute to our understanding of the Gospel and our relationship with God?
4. Paul speaks of being *compelled* by Christ’s love. Scan through verses 15-21 and identify at least 4 or 5 outcomes of experiencing Christ’s love.
5. Why is our default mode to live for ourselves? What’s the solution to getting out of this mode of thinking?
6. What does it mean to view people from a worldly point of view (v.16)? How does your “view” of people affect the way you interact with neighbors, co-workers, friends and family?
7. Reflect on verses 17 & 18. What does it mean by “we are reconciled to God” and that “we are a new creation”? How does this relate to the ongoing fight we have with sin?
8. What comes to mind when you think of an ambassador, and what significance is there to it? What practical implications are there for you if you’re an ambassador of Christ?
9. Discuss the meaning of this phrase from verse 19: “he (God) has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”
10. If we aren’t compelled by the Gospel, how will that distort our approach of what Paul is calling us to in this passage?
11. What else might compel us besides the Gospel? How can we identify if we’re being compelled by something other than the Gospel?
12. What specific steps of obedience can you take this coming week, to apply what you’ve learned in 2 Corinthians 5:11-21? Has God given you a nudge during this discussion?