



# Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

**Worship Theme – MISSION: Fish for People**  
**Sermon Theme – Compelled, new, and reconciled**  
**January 20-22, 2024**

**II Corinthians 5:14-21** For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1. What things are you totally all about and how do people know?
2. When are you compelled to do something? What is the best compeller there is??
3. What does it mean to see people as Jesus sees them, not as the world does?
4. Paul simply says in **II Corinthians 5:17** that if anyone believes in Jesus, that person is a new creation, the old is gone and the new is here. That's how it is, but what can you do if you don't feel that way, like a shiny, new creation?

5. It can be difficult to forgive. It can be even more difficult to accept that you are forgiven. Why is this? Care to share a real-life example?
6. What is reconciliation?
7. What makes reconciliation between people potentially difficult to achieve? Why is striving for it so important?
8. God makes us his reconcilers and his ambassadors, sending us out to seek, find, and save, to fish for people. Why did God entrust that all-important, that eternity giving work, to us?
9. What great exchange did God make with us and within us? Use **II Corinthians 5:21** to support your answer.
10. What's the hardest part of sharing your faith? What's the easiest part of sharing your faith?