

**Scripture** | 2 Corinthians 5:11-20

**Ice Breaker** |

1. What is something not so serious that you are afraid of?
2. If you were appointed an ambassador, where would you like to be sent?

**Going Deeper** |

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-20.
2. One of the challenges in the Corinthian church during Paul's writings was that some of the people decided there were super-apostles, people they viewed as more spiritual than Paul. Likely this had to do with how these super-apostles ministered, likely exhibiting supernatural gifts and being more eloquent. At the same time, Paul tended to be more straightforward and more ordinary in his approach.  
  
Do you think sometimes we follow people still today based on how they present themselves more than by the message they share? Why do you think that is?
3. Based on 5:11-15, why does Paul behave the way he does, in ways that are different from what the Corinthians were expecting?
4. What does verse 15 mean? How would you apply that to your life?
5. What does it mean to regard people from a worldly point of view? What are some examples of how we may do that?
6. Why is Paul concerned that we should not look at people from a worldly point of view?
7. What does it look like to be a new creation?
8. Paul attaches responsibility to the reality of being a new creation. What is it? Why do you think he does that?
9. Why do you think Paul used the word ambassador or agent to describe what God invites us into?
10. What does it mean to be reconciled?
11. Who is someone you believe God is inviting you to help reconcile with? How can we pray for you in this?
12. Who do you think the church needs to work to bring the message of reconciliation to? How do you think we can do that at our church?