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PRAYER

Father, we thank you for your son, Jesus, and his life that was laid down, not only for me or people who look or are like me, but also for people of every nation and tribe. You have called us to an awareness of the opportunities that surround us to bring the message of reconciliation of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen!

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Do you love working from home or would you rather be in the workplace? Is there a balance of both that you like best?

NOTES

WORD

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 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.

[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = never, 10 = always), how do you rate your desire to help those who become victims of injustice? Why do you rate yourself this way?
2. What does it mean to you when Paul writes, “we regard no one according to the flesh”? What does this mean in your life?
3. Are you in Christ? If you are in Christ, you are a new creation with the old passing away. How do people experience this when they meet you? If you are not in Christ yet, what might it mean to you that he invites you to become a new creation?
4. Being a new creation naturally flows into being reconciled to Jesus. What does this mean to you to know that God calls you worthy to walk in a relationship with him? How does this change your life, especially now being called a “minister of reconciliation”?
5. An ambassador is a representative. Jesus calls us to represent him in the same way he did, being willing to lay his life down to see reconciliation happen. What does being Jesus’ ambassador mean for you today?

PRAYER LIST