
FOR - Local Week 1

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'He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.'

2 Corinthians 5:15-21, NLT

1. Do you see yourself as a missionary in your daily life? Why or why not? What might change if you truly believed God had sent you into your community with a specific purpose?
2. Can you identify an area in your life where you feel God is calling you to be more intentional? How can you take steps toward that?
3. Jesus built relational bridges with those far from God. Who in your life is close to you but far from God?