

Next Door| *you are an ambassador*

The King's Message

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2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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Introduction: You live where you live because the great King loves the person next door. That doesn't mean they believe in God or think about God or want God. It means that God wants them. Your assignment is to love them the way the King loves them and to season your conversation with words of the great King. Not because you have anything so profound to say but because the King has promised to speak through you.

Prayer: Father, open our ears to your message, our hearts to your call and our minds to your Spirit as we consider the good news we have from you. Amen

Review: How did you think about your identity this week? How did this help you see your neighbors differently?

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Discussion:

1. What does it mean to be reconciled? See other passages about reconciliation – Ephesians 2:11-18, Colossians 1:21-23
2. Why would someone want to be reconciled to God? Why do you suppose some people choose not to pursue this reconciliation? What reasons have you heard from others?
3. Reconciliation can be described as two parties changing to come to the same position. When two people reconcile who moves their position? When we reconcile with God who needs to change their position to come to the truth?
4. What is the message of reconciliation? How would you say it in your own words?

Application: This week work on a simple way to share the message of God's reconciliation. If possible, practice it on someone you know. If you are really bold, ask them to critique your message and make adjustments.

Prayer: Father, fill us with the knowledge of your goodness so that we can't keep your message of reconciliation to ourselves any more. Amen.