

Bridges

Week 1: Helping People Find Jesus

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

Opening Question:

Ashley challenged all of us to invite 10 people to Christmas Services. Who have you already invited? Who is on your list? Why them?

Groups [Video Guide](#)

Read it again:

- [2 Corinthians 5:11-21](#)

Discuss:

- Have you ever worn a uniform for work or sports? What advice would you give to a young adult about wearing that uniform well?
- After reading through [2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#), what is something we can share to help the person you just mentioned to “wear the jersey” of the faith well?
- Share a time you participated in reconciliation whether at work, in your family, or with friends. What helped? What didn't?
- Do you remember being reconciled to God? How long did it take you to feel forgiven AND restored in your relationship with God (or are you still working through that)?
- Who do you know that is stuck along the path to reconciliation with God. Where are they and what are their barriers to reconnecting with God?

Prayer:

Read [Isaiah 43:18-19](#) and [Revelation 21:5](#) thanking God for His promise to make things new. Now start naming things you want him to make new (relationships, mental health, physical health, hearts, etc).

Scriptures:

- **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 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. 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. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
- **Revelation 21:5**, "He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
- **Isaiah 43:18-19**, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
- **Romans 5:11**, "Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."
- **Ephesians 6:20**, "For which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."