



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of January 6, 2025

1. Name some famous music groups or rock bands that fractured apart. How many can you think of? What decade were they from? Why do so many music groups typically break-up?
2. Have two people in your Life Group read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 from two different Bible versions. How would you summarize this section of Scripture in your own words?
3. When a person becomes a Christian, what are some of the “new” things that arrive in their regeneration? What are some of the “old” things that pass away? (Need help? Look at Galatians 5:19-24).
4. What does the word “reconciliation” mean? What caused the separation between humanity and God? Are human beings in a natural state of friendship with God— or deep conflict— according to James 4:4?
5. According to verses 18-19, how did God achieve this amazing act of reconciliation? Did He “look the other way” regarding our sin, or pretend it didn’t happen? How did He address our sin and disobedience? (see also Colossians 2:14).
6. Verse 20 says that we are now “ambassadors” for Christ. What is the job of an ambassador? What are the appropriate attitudes/actions of that person toward people where they are serving? What should be your attitudes/actions toward the people around you without Christ?
7. What is the Christian’s primary message in verse 20? It’s not “Be healthy”, “Be good”, or “Be wise.” What is it? What is the basic message of the gospel according to John 3:16 and Romans 5:1?
8. When the apostles were told to stop speaking about Jesus by the religious authorities in Acts 4:18-20, what was their reply? What kind of ambassadors did they want to be?
9. What are some ways you can be “more vocal” and “more bold” for Jesus in 2025? Give some tangible examples as you share ideas together. Close in a time of prayer— committing to be a courageous messenger of God’s reconciliation!

By the power of reconciliation, God changes us from His enemies to His family.