



Community Bible Church
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Study Guide

Ambassadors

The Irrational Life

2 Corinthians 5:12-21

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.
If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read 2 Corinthians 5:12-21

How do you think our passage relates to the verses that precede it? That follow it?

Have you heard God affirm your specific identity in Him? If not, be patient & keep praying. If so, how do you think your identity relates to the idea of being an "*ambassador*?"

What has been your experience regarding the *irrationality* of the Christian life, or what God has called you to do?

As Ren spoke of *spectacular ministries* vs. *sincere hearts* (vs. 12), the *crazy* vs. the *sane* (vs. 13), *glory to God* vs. *glory to self* (vs. 15), *God in control* vs. *me in control* (vss. 14-15), *God's perspective* vs. *my opinion* (vss. 16-17), *God's gift* vs. *my wages* (vs. 18), and *ambassador* vs. *self* (vs. 20). What spoke to you the most? Why? Explain

What is the singular message of a Christian ambassador according to our passage? What does it mean to *plead*? What might this look like? What has been your experience?

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If you're honest, what has been the primary goal of your life - as you look at your priorities, your passions? What do you want to be the ultimate goal? What steps can you take to make this happen?

Discuss the following action steps as a group:

1. Pursuing the goal vs. pursuing other things
2. Being worldly driven vs. Spirit driven
3. Living by faith vs. sight (2 Corinthians 4:18)

As Ren said, "*Christ's love is the unchanging motivation for all Christians.*" Knowing this, how are you *representing* (telling your story)? How are you *reconciling* (sharing God's story)? How *consistent* are you in this? How can your group help you/pray for you?

Application

Most of us struggle with confidence. We don't feel qualified. Meditate this week upon the truths in *Colossians 1:19-22*.

Prayer

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for His Word and what you've learned.

What are some of the prayer needs of your group, your family, your friends?

