

LIFE IN THE AGE OF OUTRAGE

Sunday, October 25, 2020 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 1 | **Life Away from Home**

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 & Multiple Scriptures

We are *sent* to love people and invite them
to follow Jesus with us.

We are **SENT** by a King

ambassadors 2 Corinthians 5:20; John 20:21

at the King's pleasure 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

with a **MESSAGE**

reconciliation with God 2 Corinthians 5:20; Isaiah 52:7

(and others!) Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 4:9

for all people Acts 17:30; Mark 6:12; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

It's All About Jesus! 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Acts 13:38-39

to a **FOREIGN LAND.**

we are exiles 1 Peter 1:1; 2:9-12; Jeremiah 29:4-10

this is not your home — *LIVE LIKE IT!!!* Philippians 3:20-21



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Welcome to Life Groups! We're studying the fruit that the Holy Spirit grows in our lives as we stay close to Jesus.

Getting Started

Getting to Know You: Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *What is the farthest you've ever been away from home? If you've been to a foreign country, what was it like to be there as someone who was not from there? Did it change your behavior?*

Review your message notes and this week's Scripture. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

** This week's questions are adapted from:*

Ed Stetzer and Andrew MacDonald, Christians at Our Best: A Six-Week Guide to Living in the Age of Outrage (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale Momentum, 2019).

Life Away from Home

1. Earlier we asked if you'd ever been in a foreign country and what it was like to be there. Describe a time when you felt like your Christian faith made you feel like a foreigner in a strange land. What was it like? How did you respond?

¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. – *2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (ESV)*

2. How does God "make his appeal through you"? Is it only with words?
3. When you share with someone how they can be reconciled to God, what are some verses that are helpful? (**Hint:** Google "the Romans Road to salvation")

Look up and read the following passages about Jesus being our King, then answer the next few questions. **Isaiah 6:1-3; Isaiah 44:6-8; John 18:36-37**

4. What are some of the kingly attributes of God?
5. What is our relationship to God as a King?
6. How does that relationship affect how we relate to other believers? Or how we should live?

We're sent as ambassadors of the King with a message from him. (You might spend some time talking about what ambassadors do.) It's not about us, it's all about Jesus! **Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-6.**

7. What is the message we're sent with? How does the world confuse our message?
8. How do we sometimes confuse the Gospel message we're sent with with *our own* agenda?
9. Paul reminds us that we're reconciled to God. How does your personal experience of salvation affect your witness and the credibility of the message?

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Being Kingdom ambassadors requires us to understand those to whom we are to deliver God’s message of reconciliation. Charles Spurgeon said that Christians who do not engage the world with the gospel are like those who cling to the treasure, ignoring the needs of others: “The world is starving, and they hoard the bread of life.” God calls us to go out into the world, engaging people where they are with the gospel.

10. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. What does this teach us about seeing and engaging those who don’t yet believe the Gospel (including those who might see Christians as their enemies)?

Pray

First, share with your group the name of one person (who doesn’t yet believe the Gospel) you’ve been sent to love and invite to follow Jesus with you. Pray for them. Next, pray for God’s grace to help you and all of our church to live as true ambassadors of King Jesus.



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CHALLENGE

Pray for a Neighboring Church.

Before you close, have someone in your group pull out their phone, open Maps, and search for “church”. Spend some time praying for one of the local churches that pop up nearest to you. (If Wawasee Bible pops up first, go to the next one!)

Word Find for 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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