

GLOBAL MISSIONS SUNDAY

SERMON GUIDE | MAY 22, 2022

WORSHIP

Read Psalm 86, a prayer praising God for His uniqueness and His lordship over all the earth.

FELLOWSHIP

What are your summer plans?

DISCUSSION

1. What stuck out to you from Edmond's sermon on Sunday?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-15 – Here, Paul is defending his ministry to the Corinthians. Christ's love compels him to live not for himself, and to share the good news with everyone.

What theological reason does Paul provide for his ministry?

Paul differentiates his ministry from others at the time by claiming that he takes pride in "what is in the heart" as opposed to "what is seen." In your own words, what is the difference between taking pride in what is seen versus taking pride in what is in the heart?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 – Three key factors here: 1. God's reconciling us to Himself in Christ 2. God's recreating work in us in Christ 3. Our reconfigured view of others due to 1 and 2 (see v. 16)

How does God's reconciliation (v.18-19) correlate to our recreation (v. 17)?

How has your life been made new since you first believed in Christ? How have you become a "new creation" (v. 17)?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Verse 21 is a key verse explaining how God sent Christ as our substitute to bear our sin in our place – Why do you think Paul thought this would be essential for the Corinthians to understand while they go on mission? How does that truth affect our hearts, and change our lives?

In view of this passage, how should we treat others, particularly non-Christians?

PRAYER

Pray for someone to share the gospel to. Additionally, you may pray this prayer from Matthew Henry, a Puritan writer emphasizing Jesus' invitation to all and how that shapes our message for all.

"He visited not only the great and wealthy cities, but the poor, obscure villages; there he preached, there he healed. The souls of those that are least in this world are as precious to Christ, and should be to us, as the souls of those that make the greatest figure.... Jesus Christ is a very compassionate friend to precious souls." (Matthew Henry, Matthew Henry's Commentary, 5:104)

