

Sermon Notes:

Last week when it comes to this topic of being at work with God we talked about living out the call of God on our lives. we talked about our [highest calling](#). [Our common calling](#) and our [Specific Calling](#).

Today we are going to talk about a couple of topics that would be connected to our Highest Calling and our Common Calling. **Reconciliation and Justice.**

Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

This isn't the kind of reconciliation we see in accounting like balancing your cheque book or traditional reconciliation between two people.

Jesus did the heavy lifting for us when it comes to making a way for us to have a healthy relationship with God. Humanity walked away from God and yet it was him that made all the effort and did the work necessary for us to be reconciled to him. God was the one making the reconciliation not us.

Now God has given us this ministry of reconciliation. We are not reconciling the world to God, but we carry the message that God has already done it for you. We carry this message as an Ambassador.

Reconciliation: The right ordering of people to God which results in right ordering of relationship between people.

Justice: Once reconciliation is taking place the next step is Justice in regards to their needs.

Passage: Amos 5:21-24

We see in this passage the passion that God has for justice with our society.

Passage: Galatians 3:28

Where did Paul get this? In the kingdom of God He doesn't look at race or ethnicity. He doesn't look at our social status and he does not look at your gender.

Passage: Matthew 11:2-5

This is how Jesus demonstrated the Kingdom of God. The kingdom was demonstrated by taking care of people's needs.

Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

Warm Up:

1. If you had one extra hour of free time a day, how would you use it?
2. What should matter more for Christians: alleviating present suffering(social justice) or eternal suffering(salvation)? after asking this question and getting some responses maybe ask, "what is wrong with this question?"

Study & Discussion:

Read together: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

1. In verse 17 Paul talks about a "new life" experience. Have you had an experience like that in your life? explain your experience to the group.
2. What do you think of when the word reconciliation is spoken? How is that different or similar from the reconciliation that is spoken of here?
3. What does this "ministry of reconciliation" look like for you in your life? Do you have a personal experience with this?

Read together: 1 Corinthians 11:20-34

1. What is the background to this story that Paul is talking about here?
2. How is the Justice of God being revealed in this passage?
3. Is there a way we can relate this to today?
4. In what ways do you think we as Christians should be involved in areas of Justice within our world today?

Prayer:

1. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for in relation to the ministry of reconciliation?
2. Is there an area of justice that you could pray about as a group?