



“What if it’s True? | The Forgiveness of Sins”

August 28

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think is the relationship between truth and reconciliation? Name some examples of how you have seen this in operation.
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. How does Paul describe the relationship between our reconciliation with God and our ability to reconcile with other people?
3. How does our culture understand the word “sin” and in what ways is that different from how the Bible describes sin? In what ways is sin the “problem under all the other problems” in the world?
4. Describe in your own words how knowing that our sins are forgiven, can cure our “inferiority and superiority complexes”?
5. Are there broken and strained relationships in your life or in the networks that you are part of that you could take the initiative to heal? What is holding you back from taking that first step? Pray about this relationship and how to take the first step.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

The Ministry of Reconciliation

11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. 13 If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.