**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

***CONNECT:***

* *What is your proudest moment? What made it so special?*
* *Do you think you are good at evangelism? Do you know anybody who is great at evangelism? What makes you/them good at it?*

***DIG DEEPER: Matthew 9:35-37***

* Read the passage listed above. Summarize what you read. What truths about God do you find in this passage? What stands out to you?
* What is the gospel of the kingdom? Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 for a definition of the gospel. How does this fit with your understanding of the gospel?
* Matthew 9:36 tells us that Jesus looked at the crowds and had compassion on them. What “crowd” do you look at and have compassion for? Why this particular group?
* What does it look like for you to show compassion to those who are “harassed and without a shepherd?”
* How have you experienced Jesus as a shepherd? Has he ever guided you at a time in your life when you felt harassed and helpless?
* What does it mean/ look like to labor for the harvest? Do you think of yourself as a laborer? Why or why not?
* How does knowing that Jesus is the Lord of the Harvest encourage you as you seek to talk to people about Jesus?

***DISCUSS:***

* What is the biggest impediment you have to sharing Jesus with others?
* What is one intentional step that you will commit to take as a result of what you have learned from this study?

180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible

**Reading Plan for Week of November 19th**

Day 36: Psalm 23: A Shephard’s Song

Day 37: 1 Samuel 17: Giant Killer

Day 38: Psalm 19: Outdoor Lessons

Day 39: 1 Samuel 20: Jonathan’s Loyalty

Day 40: Psalm 27: Ups and Downs

The Love of Christ Controls Us

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

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**2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (ESV)** *For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

**WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT ALL THERE IS**

* **LIFE OUTSIDE OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS AN UNSETTLED LIFE**

**Matthew 9:35-37 (ESV)** *35And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

***2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (ESV)*** *6So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

* **WHAT WE DO OR DON’T DO IN THIS LIFE WILL AFFECT ETERNITY**

**Matthew 25:34-40 (ESV)** *34Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’*

**2 Corinthians 5:11-17 (ESV)** *11Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. 12We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. 13For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 16From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

* **WE JUDGE EVERYONE AS WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (ESV)** *18All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

* **WE ARE All ON THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

**THREE WAYS TO JOIN THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE AT WAVE**

1. PRAY FOR THE LOST
2. BE AWARE OF OPPORTUNITY
3. BECOME AN INVITER