

Session 8

Big Idea:

We have been reconciled to be agents of reconciliation.

GROUP OPENER

Share a time when it was difficult for you to be reconciled relationally with someone. If something helped make this process easier share that as well.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read <u>Galatians 6:1-16.</u> Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God?
 How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

March 3 WEEKEND

ACTION STEPS

I will statement . . .

Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will ________". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

As a Group

What does it take to become more self aware? Where do you see this being encouraged in this passage?

When we see someone doing something we believe is wrong we often feel wronged even if what they do does not impact us. This feeling of being wronged can make it difficult to be gentle and generous with the person we believe is wrong. How does this passage challenge us to be gentle and generous with those who are wrong?

How is obedience difficult in this passage?

If our identity in Christ is our driving motivator it makes the difficult tasks of love, humility, and obedience easier.

What are some practical ways your group can consider doing good to all people?

On your own:

Which of the things that Paul calls us to in this passage are difficult for you? Identify them and spend some time considering in what ways your being anchored in your new creation identity can shape that difficulty.