



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

April 4, 2021

2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2

“What’s So Good About the Good News?”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. ICEBREAKER: In reflecting on the surpassing goodness of Christ's death and resurrection for us, we are likely led to consider our own particular story of how God saved us. Would someone be willing to share their 5-7 minute story of God's work of regeneration, reconciliation, and justification in their life? [Framework: life before Christ, Christ's intervention, how your life looked different after Christ saved you]
2. When speaking about how God's work of regeneration leads us to look at Jesus differently, Tony provided a long list of titles for Jesus (see page 3 of Tony's sermon notes; be ready to read off some from the list). Which of those titles most resonated with you when God brought you from death to life? Why? Which of those titles most resonates with you today? Why?
3. How should our new identity as Christians influence us in our fight against sin? When we are tempted to say "I can't help it," what is the biblical response? What supporting passages could we turn to?
4. Why might the reality that Jesus serves as a peacemaker, making reconciliation between God and man, be compelling to someone who is not a Christian? How can we effectively engage those who are far from God with this aspect of God's character?
5. How is your vocation as a "minister of reconciliation" leading you to order and orient your life toward this work? In what specific ways in your life do you lean into this "vocation"?
6. On the "settled confidence" that the truth of our justification should produce, Tony said, " '...when Satan tempts me to despair' I am not more justified by my sermons or my prayers or my parenting—nothing will add to it."
 - o In moments of weakness, what are you prone to "add" to the righteousness that Christ has given to you?
7. PRAYER: Let's take some time to unite our hearts in a prayer of joyful gratitude for all that God has done for us in the person and work of Jesus Christ.