

## As you Study:

1. **Observation:** what does the text say? This is where you ask the who, what, why, where, and how questions. Who is speaking? Who is present? What is being said? Circle key or repeated words. Highlight important phrases, etc.
2. **Lesson:** this is when you begin to interpret the passage and try to discover what the text *means*. Does the meaning fit with the remainder of this passage and the rest of the Bible? Are there other passages that confirm your interpretation?
3. **Application:** this is where you apply the truths of the the passage to your own life. Now that you know what the text means, how should you respond? Make it personal: how should your life change because of these truths?

## Scripture - 2 Corinthians 5

1. (v.1-4) What is meant by the word “tent”? What does the future of a follower of Christ entail? How does knowing the difference impact your life today (John 14:2-3)?
2. (v.5-8) Who has prepared us? Who is our guarantee of this truth? Are you confident in this truth (Phi 1:6)(explain why/why not)?
3. (v.9-11) In what manner should a follower of Jesus live his life? How does it impact you to know you will stand before the judgment seat of Christ? Provide scripture to support why you believe what you believe.
4. (v.12-15) There is a contrast noted regarding boasting, what is it? What is the difference? We are to live our lives, not for ourselves but for others. What is this rooted in according to this text?



# Life Group Study Guide

2Co 5:1-21 NKJV

- (1) For we know that if our earthly house, [this] tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
- (2) For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,
- (3) if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.
- (4) For we who are in [this] tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.
- (5) Now He who has prepared us for this very thing [is] God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.
- (6) So [we are] always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.
- (7) For we walk by faith, not by sight.
- (8) We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.
- (9) Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
- (10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things [done] in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- (11) Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.
- (12) For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have [an answer] for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.
- (13) For if we are beside ourselves, [it is] for God; or if we are of sound mind, [it is] for you.
- (14) For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
- (15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.
- (16) Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know [Him thus] no longer.
- (17) Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- (18) Now all things [are] of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,
- (19) that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- (20) Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore [you] on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.
- (21) For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.