



For the Good

July 5 Sermon Discussion

1. One Aware: Share an update about your “one.” Pray together as a group for your ones.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

2. What are your favorite types of restoration/renovation/transformation?
3. Share with the group a specific way you know you have been transformed by God. What is something that is different about you since you’ve started walking with the Lord? Do you have a before/after story in some aspect of your character, life or behavior to share?
4. “Iron sharpens iron.” Paul loved the Corinthians-but also had a lot of very hard conversations to get them onto the right path. Can you think of a time you were used by God to redirect a fellow believer, or a fellow believer redirected you?
5. Reconciliation between us and God was done on the cross, but sometimes we feel distance from Him regardless of this truth. When are you particularly susceptible to feeling distant from Him? Are there ways you can circumvent these situations?
6. Do you find forgiveness and reconciliation with others challenging? If you feel comfortable share with the group an area of offense where you are currently struggling to forgive/reconcile. Take a few moments as a group to pray and ask God to work in these areas.
7. Sharing Christ’s reconciling work on the cross with others is the third call Paul gives to the church at Corinth. Share a time when you felt you had the opportunity to do this. Does this look like more than just sharing our faith verbally? Are there other ways to bring God’s reconciliation to the world around us?
8. As you consider the mission of Hope: “Helping people follow Christ together for New Life” What phrase or word is most meaningful for you? Why?