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LOVE SHINES | 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

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## BIG IDEA:

God's Love Revealed \_\_\_\_\_ Breaks the \_\_\_\_\_ and Frees Us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Others.

## DEFINING GOD'S LOVE:

Love is The \_\_\_\_\_ of One's Life for the \_\_\_\_\_ .

1 The Love of God \_\_\_\_\_ Us

“ For the love of Christ controls us...” ~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14a (ESV)

2 The Love of God \_\_\_\_\_ Us

“ ...because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and 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.”

~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14b-15 (ESV)

The \_\_\_\_\_ is a Gravitational Pull Toward Living for Self

3 The Love of God \_\_\_\_\_ Us

“ From 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. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-17 (ESV)

4 The Love of God \_\_\_\_\_ Us

“ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20 (ESV)

5 And Yes, the Love of God \_\_\_\_\_ Us

“ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 (ESV)

discussion questions:

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- 1- Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. Where is the gospel or “good news” in these verses? Share with one another how the gospel reveals the love of God.
- 2- What are the different ways we define “love” in our culture? How does the gospel of Jesus Christ “re-define” our definition of love?
- 3- How does knowing the gospel story “control” our love in our everyday life? Share examples of times when you were “checked” and responded in love rather than selfishness.
- 4- What does it mean for you to be an “ambassador for Christ” or even an ambassador for God’s love?
- 5- How does the gospel comfort us in our insecurity and sin? Why is 2 Corinthians 5:21 such good news for our everyday life and neighbor?

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