

### ***The Call of Duty – week 1***

**ARRIVAL/CONNECTING and SNACK:** (15 Minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

**SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER:** (2 minutes)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** (5-7 minutes)

Have someone read **2 Corinthians 5:14-21** slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Quietly reflect on the passage. If you like, have another person read it again, then discuss as a group.

*“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

**OBSERVATION, REFLECTION, and DISCUSSION:** 30 minutes

*“For Christ’s love compels us,”*

1. Might there be wrong motivations for evangelism? Discuss and contrast with this passage.
2. How does experiencing the love of God compel us to share Christ with friends and the world?

*“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again”*

3. How does the Lordship of Christ effect the way we represent God to the world?

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come”*

4. How does being a new creation in Christ change our purpose for living?

*“And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”*

5. Is there a person in your life who needs to be reconciled to God? Share with your group.
6. What does it look like to actively attempt to reconcile people who don’t know Christ to God?

**PLAN TO CHANGE:** 20 minutes

*“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”*

7. Reflect on how being chosen as an ambassador of Christ is a privilege and an honor.
8. What can you do specifically to press into the *ministry of reconciliation*?

**CLOSING PRAYER:** 10 minutes

Take a few minutes to pray for one another in light of what has been shared and discussed today.