

## **Talk it Over: “Perfect” Family September 16 & 17, 2023**

### **Key Scriptures**

*2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

*John 3:16*

### **Key Thought**

*Jesus calls his followers to a ministry of reconciliation. If you follow Jesus, you don't get a pass on this one.*

### **Start Thinking**

*God designed the family to be intricately connected to our heart.*

### **Start Talking**

*How have you seen this destructive lie, “I don't care” play out in relationships?*

### **Start Sharing**

- 1. When you hear the word reconciliation, what do you think of?*
- 2. Share a time when reconciliation changed your life or the life of someone you know.*
- 3. How has Jesus' reconciling you to God changed your life?*
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.  
v 14 How does Christ's love compel us?  
v 18 What was God's idea?  
v 19 What does this verse show us about God and his heart for us?  
v 19 What does it mean to that we are committed to this message?  
v 20 What would it look like to be an ambassador of Christ in Steamboat?*

*5. Think of something that you are committed to. When you are committed to something in your life, what does that look like on a day-to-day basis?*

*6. What examples do we have of Jesus condoning a lifestyle when he was trying to reconcile someone to him? What does his example show us? What could this look like in life today?*

*7. John 3:16 says that God gave his only son for the world. He knew that despite his sacrifice, many wouldn't receive him. What situation in your life feels hopeless and that God might be calling you to step into anyway to try to bring reconciliation?*

### **Start Praying**

*God, thank you for what you have done for us. Thank you for fitting us perfectly back into you in spite of what we have done. Let us do for someone else what you have done for us. We thank you for your love that compels us. And with those people that we really don't want to do this, Jesus would you just help us lean in and take a step, to do your work, to be ambassadors of reconciliation as you call us to? Give us wisdom in this Lord. We love you and we trust you with the outcome, God.*

### **Start Doing**

*Who came to your mind as Pastor Troy was speaking? What is your next step?*