

The Good News
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2 Corinthians 5:21-6:2

1) What the *Good News* is Not

- a. It is not _____
- b. It is not Being a _____
- c. It is not _____
- d. It is not Saying _____
- e. It is not _____

2) What the *Good News* Is

- a. It is _____
 - i. _____ of Life
 - ii. Need for God-**Ecclesiastes 3:11**
- b. It is _____ Christ
 - i. Bloody _____
 - ii. _____ Grave
 - iii. Personal Belief-**Romans 10:9-11**
 - iv. _____ Will
- c. It is _____ Living
 - i. Relationship with _____
 - ii. Relationship with His Church
- d. It is Life _____
 - i. Newness of Life-**2 Corinthians 5:17**
 - ii. Fruit of the Spirit-**Galatians 5:22-23**
 - iii. Reorientation toward _____

Who Cares?

Study Questions
Spring 2015: Week 5 of 12

(½ Hr. of Preparation before Connection Meeting, More is Optional)

Looking Up:

1) Understanding that not everything is said that could be said in any message, what are some things that you might add to the main points this week?

a) The Good News is Not-

b) The Good News Is-

Is there anything that is disagreeable to you that was listed in the sermon?

2) Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-29. Notice three major concepts in this passage. State how these affect your life.

a) All Things are New-

b) We are Christ's Ambassadors-

c) We have received and are given the Ministry of Reconciliation-

Looking In:

- 3) What's the most serious illness or injury you have ever faced?

- 4) Pastor Dana stated that part of the *Good News* is our relationship with God and His Church. Why is the church so important? How do the Connection Groups help?

- 5) Reread the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Notice the contrast to the fruit of the flesh found in verses 19-21. What fruit are you needing the most right now in your life?

Looking Out:

- 6) Review your group application from two weeks ago. Provide a good group application for this week that might help your connection group be a blessing to others.

Looking Ahead:

- 7) Read 2 Corinthians 8-9. What does it say about living generously?