

## 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

### Welcome

What's the last live music concert (pop/classic/folk/rock/opera etc) that you went to?



### Worship

Ask a group member/s (in advance) - to choose a favourite hymn/ worship song. Invite them to say why this particular song is important to them and then sing the song/s as part of an opening time of worship.



### Word

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
2. Vs 18—19 Our need for reconciliation tells us that our relationship with God is broken. According to Genesis 3 what are the many different lived out consequences of this broken relationship?
3. What does reconciliation tell us about the character of God? (see John 3:16)
4. Vs 21—given what Hebrews 4:15 tell us, how do you think we should understand this verse?
5. Vs 21—"God looks at you and me and because of Jesus sees beauty, sees His righteousness" What are the practical outworking's of this amazing truth? What difference does this make to how we live? What can help us embrace this truth more fully?
6. Vs 19—how can we model in our own lives the kind of reconciliation which God offers to us through Jesus?
7. Read Matthew 5:42-48 and Romans 12:18—what do these verses add to Paul's encouragement to be messengers of reconciliation?
8. Reconciliation can be costly. It can be painful. It is not easy. If appropriate/helpful spend some time at the end of the session praying for particular situations where group members long to see reconciliation.

This could include praying for the wider world.



### Witness

Ask God to show you what being a minister of reconciliation looks like for you at this moment in your life.

