

## Series: The Sent Ones

Part Three: The Good News for Real

Sunday October 22, 2017

1. *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age* (Mt. 28:19-20).

2. *“As the Father has **sent** me, I am **sending** you.”* (Jn. 20:21).

3. *If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died* (2 Cor. 5:13-14).

4. *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. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 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. God make him who had not sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God* (2 Cor. 5:15-21).

5. What good thing happened in the past which affects our present and changes our expectations for the future?

- a. Jesus died for all.
- b. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us.
- c. God’s not counting our sins against us.

6. How does this past-tense good news positively affect the present?

- a. The good news changes how we see the world.
- b. The good news has been committed to us to share with others.

7. “Your eternal destiny is not cosmic retirement; it is to be part of a tremendously creative project, under unimaginably splendid leadership, on an inconceivably vast scale, with ever-increasing cycles of fruitfulness and enjoyment – that is the prophetic vision which ‘eye has not seen and ear has not heard.’” *“Dallas Willard*

8. CHALLENGE: Spend some time with Jesus this week – experience the goodness of the good news.

## Study Notes for Personal and Group Reflection

### DISCUSSION

1. What’s been your past experience with evangelism as first steps in disciple-making? Positive? Negative?
2. How did the teaching affect your view of evangelism or the core content behind it?

### BIBLE

3. Read 2 Cor. 5:13-21

a. What verse or idea stands out to you?

b. What do you think Paul means when he says, “If we are out of our mind, it is for God,” in v. 13? And then – What do you think Paul means when he says, “If we are in our right mind, it is for you?”

c. Paul suggests that our motivation for evangelism needs to be love (v. 14). Think about and talk about the ways Christ’s love can make a significant difference in our lives.

d. On a scale of 1-10 – rate your motivation level for sharing the gospel with others. What are some ways you can remain rotted in Christ’s love so that you are compelled to share it with others?

e. God has given us the ministry of reconciliation (v. 18). What are some practical ways in which you can be a minister of reconciliation this week?

f. In v. 20 – Paul calls us ambassadors of Christ. What do you think Paul means by this? How are you “representin’?” What impact have other brothers and sisters in Christ had on you as kingdom representatives? What might you imitate in their good example?

### APPLICATION

4. Ask God to put one or two people on your heart who you see regularly. Commit to praying for them – asking God how you may be able to serve them.

5. Ask God to open a door for you to share the good news and to make you aware of the opportunity (Col. 4:2-4).