

## ULC Sermon Study Resource

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What was the most exciting moment about this past week?

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Outline:

### 1. Direction in Life (11-15)

- Fear of the Lord does not mean to be afraid of the Lord in the sense of terror or being scared of God. It means to live in reverential awe of God, to live with God as ultimate in your life.
- Our lives are controlled by the love of God.
- Anyone who has ever lived with Christ has died with Christ. Our separation from God died when Jesus died for us.

Q: How do we “fear” the Lord?

### 2. Understanding of Self (16-17)

- Christ died for everyone, so when we see others, we have to remember that God loves them all.
- We are invited to be united with Christ as we already are.
- We live in the in between times from when Christ rose and when he will return.

Q: How can we continue to recognize our unity with Christ?

3. Eternal Relationship (18-21)

- We are a new creation through Christ.
- Despite our rebellion against God, he still cleans it up for us. God reconciles with his creation.
- Jesus Christ becomes our sin for us and we, in turn gain his righteousness.

Q: How does God reconcile with us?

Reflection/Application Questions:

1. How do we “fear” the Lord?
2. How can we continue to recognize our unity with Christ?
3. How does God reconcile with us?

Suggestions for further study:

- 2 Timothy 1. How does the spirit work through us despite our fears?
- James 1:23. What does this verse say about self reflection?
- Galatians 6:14-15. What does this say about God’s New Creation?

Closing Prayer: Dear lord, we thank you for this day which you have blessed us with. We thank you for the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. For by him, we are given the gift of everlasting life. We ask that you would continue to shine your light upon us and guide us according to your will. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.