

# On Assignment

*Scripture and Background Information for February 19-25.*

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

Here at Doxology, we have a heart for missions. It is one of our top priorities as a church and everyone here has a role to play in God's missionary efforts through. God has placed everyone in specific places, with specific talents, and specific passions that can be leveraged to share Christ's good news. Through this series, we will process together what our missionary assignments are while being able to challenge and encourage each other along the way.

## **Background for 2 Corinthians 5:17-21:**

Throughout the Bible, the reconciling work of God is on display. From Genesis 3 all the way through the end of Revelation, God is constantly trying to bring people into relationship with Him. This theme is picked up by Paul in 2 Corinthians 5. He spends a great deal of time writing about how Christ's reconciling work on the cross brings us into relationship with Him and ultimately makes us new. As new people in Christ, our identity and our call has changed. Paul, in our passage today, sums up our new identity and call by describing believers as the ambassadors of Christ. As ambassadors, we are to represent Christ in all things. We proclaim the good news of Jesus while working to see His ministry of reconciliation become reality in the lives of those around us.

### Insights and questions to engage with the text:

1. How has God brought reconciliation to the world? How would you describe this to someone who isn't a Christian?
2. How has the reconciling work of God impacted you? What identities do you inherit when you are reconciled to God?
3. Through Christ's reconciliation we are considered Christ's ambassadors. In what areas of your life are you called to represent Christ's Kingdom? How have you impacted/can you impact people in those areas?

\*Each week feel free to encourage your group to do some missional practice or challenges. Then ask people how it went the week after. Examples of this could include:

- Practice sharing the Gospel with others in your group
- Brainstorm places that you can live missionally and discuss ways in which you can effectively minister in those areas
- Practice sharing testimonies with others in your group
- Tell members of your group to write down 3-5 names of people they can minister to
- Spend some time in individual prayer for those who you want to share the Gospel with
- Brainstorm reasons why people struggle to share the Gospel and discuss how to overcome them
- Have members tell stories about sharing the Gospel (both successes and rough ones)