

# The Life Challenge

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## WARM-UP

Have you ever felt **compelled** to do something? What was it, and how would you describe that sense of compulsion? Where did it come from? What did it feel like?

## DISCUSSION

**Before you jump into the following questions, reflect on and share about the worship service this past weekend.**

- Did anything stand out to you?
- Was there a key thought or idea that you walked away with?

**In this weeks teaching Matt suggested 2 things that might keep us from being mobilized for mission. (1) We don't fully understand or appreciate the "lostness" of people who don't know Jesus, and (2) we haven't surrendered to the Holy Spirit to empower us for mission.**

- What other things can you think of that are barriers to Christians being mobilized for mission?

**Our churches vision statement is as follows: "To see all things reconciled to God through Jesus." It comes out of 2 Corinthians 5:11-21.**

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- In verses 11-15, what do you note about what compels Paul to share about Jesus? How would you describe what it is that is motivating him? Does that same thing motivate you to share Jesus? Is that motivation something a person can actually cultivate in their life?

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**In verses 16-21, Paul uses the word “reconciliation” a number of times.**

- How would you define reconciliation in general? When Paul says that God was “reconciling to himself all things”, what does that mean? What constitutes “all things”?
- What does it mean for us to have a “ministry of reconciliation”? What things should we be working to reconcile?

**What is your key takeaway from this passage in 2 Corinthians 5?**

## PRAYER

**Take time again to engage in the 3 for 3 prayer challenge. Let's be faithful in bringing before God the 3 people who don't yet know Jesus that He has put on our hearts.**

- Pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would have repeated opportunities to see, hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.
- Pray that God would let you be one of those opportunities.
- Pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would respond to the good news of Jesus by following him as Lord.