

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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## SERVICE PROJECT

## Sunny Hills Growth Group

week of March 22, 2015

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### MY STORY (crowd breaker)

1. If you could rent a billboard in a heavily trafficked area for one year ... what would you put on the billboard?
2. Which country would you want to visit just to taste their cuisine?

### DIGGING DEEPER (study)

Read the following passage used in Sunday's sermon:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!

<sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

<sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to

himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

<sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup> So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

<sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

In the New Living Translation we see the word "Christ" used \_\_\_\_\_ times.

List all of the prepositions (helping words) used in relation to "Christ" in this passage.

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What do these helping words communicate about Christ?

What means of evaluating others (v. 16) should we drop?  
(Be specific if possible)

How is the term "reconciliation" used in this passage, how do you understand it?

According to v. 21, how often did Jesus sin? \_\_\_\_\_ .

Read 1 John 2:1-2. How does this square with what we know about Jesus in 1 Corinthians 5:21?

TAKING IT HOME (application)

How aware is the typical believer that he/she is really an ambassador of the Great God of the Universe?

What qualities would you personally look for in a person you wanted to appoint as your ambassador?

How qualified are we to be Christ's ambassadors?

What other words, besides "ambassador", could describe the role we are supposed to play in 1 Corinthians 5:16-21?

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Mark on the line above how ready you are to personally present the message "Come back to God!" (v. 20) to others.