

5. How can you personally be involved in the ministry of reconciliation? To whom are you an ambassador?

6. Note that “all these things are from God” (5:18), “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself” (5:19), and “as though God were entreating through us” (5:20). Why is God’s active role so significant to our own evangelistic and apologetic efforts?

7. Paul says that he tries to persuade others (5:11). This same verb is used in Acts to describe Paul’s evangelistic efforts (see Acts 17:4; 18:4; 19:8, 26; 26:28; 28:23). When have you tried to persuade others concerning Christ? What were the results? Are there ways that you could improve next time?

Let’s Pray:

Sermon Notes

“Stories from Church History: Justin Martyr
Providing a Reasonable Defense”

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

January 19, 2025

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 01-19-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker,
NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 254-5.

Getting Started:

1. When have you been persuaded to change your mind on a matter? What were the circumstances, and what prompted the change?

Digging Deeper:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

2. How is it possible for us to be motivated by both the fear of the Lord (5:11) and Christ's love (5:14)? What activities do those motivations lead Paul to do?
3. In what ways are all Christians new creations (5:17)? What's old, and what's new?
4. What does God do with our sins when we are reconciled to Him (5:19)? Using the rest of the passage, explain how God can do that without becoming unjust.