

# CHANGE

## Part 4: Saved?

Change does not begin or end with you.

### 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

#### Saved people change.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

- Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

#### Saved people live for God, not themselves.

*Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. – Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)*

<sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

#### Saved people serve people.

<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### Today's Truth

God brings change TO us so He can bring change THROUGH us.

## Group Guide

### Introduction

When we think about change we are usually thinking about what's on the outside. We focus so much on WHAT needs to change that we often forget about WHO provides change. This is why, many times, our efforts fall short. Change begins when we realize we can't change on our own.

### Discussion

Describe a time when you tried to change but realized you couldn't.

### Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

What do you think are the key words in this verse? Why?

What does it mean to be a new creation?

### Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Why is it important to remember that "all this is from God"?

What is the "ministry of reconciliation"?

What is the "message of reconciliation"?

### Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?

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