

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

- When you hear the word “missionary,” what usually comes to mind?

How Can We Change Our Perspective?

- How can we become convinced that missionary is not the job of the “spiritually elite” or the “spiritual special forces”?
- Our vision and values:
 - **Vision** – *Helping people find their way to God and one another* (2 Cor 5:17-21).
 - **Values** – We highly value...
 - **God’s love.** The meaning of life is found in God’s unconditional love experienced in Jesus Christ (Jn 3:16-17).
 - **Genuine community.** We demonstrate our love for God by loving others, seeking to draw them into the serving, caring, and supportive family of God (1 Jn 4:8, 19).
 - **Life Transformation.** The purpose of Christian living is becoming progressively more like Jesus while helping others enter the same life-long relationship we enjoy with Him (Mt 28:18-20; Lk 6:40)
 - **Holistic generosity.** God has rescued us from sin to eagerly do what is good by tangibly meeting a broad spectrum of people’s needs (Titus 2:7, 14, 3:1, 8, 14).
 - **Restored Relationships.** We are Christ’s ambassadors, pointing people to the good news that they can be reconciled to God and each other (2 Cor 5:17-21).
- How is reconciliation a picture of God’s hospitality?

How Does the World Learn About God and His Good News?

- Not by...
- The world (sinners arrayed in rebelling against God – Jn 3:16) learns about God and His good news by...

- Where can the world best get this vantage point?
- What are some of the Bible stories that show us how important hospitality is to God's reconciling purpose?

Application

- How do you view your home?
 - A place to retreat/fortress from the world?
 - A weapon for the gospel?
- How does our culture hinder us from pursuing biblical hospitality?
 - Isolation
 - Retreat
 - Entertainment
 - Busyness
- What changes would you need to make for hospitality to become a way of life for you?