**Life Team Notes – Week of 11/17/19 - A Different Purpose**

**Get to know you**

* When you think about your future what is something you would like to see or hope for your life? Why?
* What are the chances of that happening?
* If you could anything for God – what would you do?

Today we are going to talk about having a new purpose in Christ.

2 Cor 5:14-19

* What comes to mind as you read this passage?
* What stands out to you?
* What is the kick start for knowing, living and sharing Jesus with others?

**1. The fear of the LORD is the starting point to know Jesus** – v.11

* To Know His power, might, goodness, holiness, awe – results in us knowing our need and others need for God.
* There is no salvation without realizing your need.
* According to verse 14 what compels us? What does that mean?
* What is the primary motivation for living for Jesus and sharing Him with others?

**2. Love for us compels us to tell others about Jesus** – v.14

* His love is defined by what event? The Cross
* How does this define God’s love for us?
* How does love motivate us to share Jesus with others?
* What happens when we know Jesus and understand his Lordship?

**3. In Jesus we have a new way of thinking** – v 13, 16

* What do we think differently about?
* What is our thinking now shaped by? Jesus / God’s Word.
* What does verse 15 say about who a Christ follower lives for?

**4. In Jesus we have a new way of living**

* Do we live differently? How and why?
* What does it mean to live differently? What parts of our life?
* One of the great verses of the NT – v.17 - In the context of what Paul is saying in the previous verses what is verse 17 about?

**5. In Jesus you are NEW!!!**

* What is new in Christ?
  + Our motivations, our perspectives, our love, our way of thinking, our way of living – we are different!
* How different are we? Does it happen right away? Yes and no
* What is the old that is passed away?
  + Our sin and the way we lived and see our self!

Reread – v.18-19

* What does it mean to be reconciled to God? Made right w/ God
* How are we reconciled? V.18 Through Christ alone
* Does our salvation in Jesus bring an end to our purpose? – v19
* What does it mean to have the ministry of reconciliation?
* Is this for every person that is a Christian?

**6. In Jesus we are his hands, feet, and voice!**

* What does it mean to the hands and feet of Jesus?
* What does it mean to the voice of Jesus?

**Re-read v.11, 14 –**

* **Our knowledge of the fear of God – convinces us**
* **Our understanding of the love of God – compels us**

2 Cor 5:20-21

* + God assigns us a place - post – a platform
  + God pleads through us

Romans 12:1-2 (read different translations of the verse)

* If you could put this verse in your own words what would it say?
* There is a change that takes place according to v.1-2, where does it start? Inside – by the renewing of the mind.
* What does a renewing of the mind mean?
* If you are a Christian, how has your thinking changed - been transformed - towards Christ and others?

**Break out groups –**

* What stood out to you tonight?
* What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?
* What role does having a new mind play out in how we live?
* According to Rom 12:1-3 - How can we have the mind of Christ?