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WEEK 1 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- What are some things that motivate you into action (health, family, work, encouragement, etc...)? Why?

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-15 as a group.

- We are more flawed and sinful than we care to believe. But, we are more loved by God than we could ever hope for. **How would you define the love of God? What is it about this love that would motivate or compel action?**
- Motives often reveal so much about our hearts. **How often do you question other people's motives? How often do you question your own motives? Share an example.**
- "For Christ's love compels us" is a powerful statement. But, what does it compel us to do? The answer might just be found in how the Holy Spirit is changing us from the inside out. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. **As you read over the list, are there any you have seen God grow in your life? Is there one you find more challenging than others? How has Christ's love compelled you towards one of the Fruit of the Spirit?**

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- Reread 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. **What does Paul say is the motivation behind the Christian life? How do our motives and intentions determine our direction? Is it possible to have the wrong motives and still do good?**
- **What does it mean to, “no longer live for themselves but for Him” (v. 15)?** Take a moment to read the following passages: Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 5:8-16, Colossian 3:1-4, & 1 John 3:19-24.. **What do you learn about motivations and no longer living for self?**
- It’s hard not to feel the tension in these verses between living for yourself or for Christ. **Where do you wrestle with this tension in your life and faith? What are some next steps to take towards no longer live for self, but Christ? What steps could we take as a group?**
- 2022 is here and a new year of possibilities is upon us. **What are 1 or 2 things Christ’s love is compelling you to do this year?** Write down your group's answers and commit to praying for each other.

CALLING

- It takes a habit to break a habit. The only way to live less for yourself is by living more for others in the name of Jesus. Studies show it usually takes about 6 weeks to build a habit. How can you live for others over the next 6 weeks to build new habits compelled by the love of Christ?
- **Daily Devotions:** Take the time to read the daily devotions associated with this study. Then, to continue with this spiritual habit of daily devotion with God, text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside’s App to receive devotions on a daily basis moving forward.
- **Further Study & Reflection:** To learn more about living a life compelled by Christ’s love, read Everybody Always by Bob Goff.
- **Memorize:** *“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” 2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV)*