

Sermon: Ministering to Children as Ambassadors for Christ
Series: *Turning The World Upside Down*

Scripture: 2 Cor. 5:1-21
Date: August 23, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) What promises from God do we see in this passage? How does understanding these promises allow us to live by faith rather than sight (v.7)?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Read v. 1-9. We have a greater motivation for this life – What is Paul’s motivation for ministry? How can we apply this to our parenting/relationships?

b) Read v. 10-15. We have a greater purpose for this life – What is Paul’s purpose in life? How can we apply this to our parenting/relationships?

c) Read v. 16-21. We have a greater ministry than this life – What ministry does Paul say is ours in Christ? How does this apply to our parenting/relationships?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) How does the gospel truths of v.17 and 21 give us the power we need for the ministry of reconciliation that is ours in Christ?

APPLICATION

a) What is one way you can be a minister of reconciliation to the children in your life, in our church?

PRAYER

Praise God for his reconciliation of your soul to himself through your salvation in Jesus (v.21).

Repent of ways that you have failed to see your children in view of eternity.

Ask God to help you embrace the ministry of reconciliation with your own children and the children of the church.