

Follow Me – Week 2
The Motivation for Discipleship
Small Groups – Bethany Church Long Beach

Intro:

- What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?
- What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Group Questions:

- Describe a time where you did something out of the ordinary or made a significant change in your life. Which of the five motivators explain why you did it? (Need, Belief, Obedience, Imitation, or Love)
- Share the story of how you came to faith.
- Why do you believe the Gospel?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Open:

- If you were to be appointed as ambassador for your country, where would you like to be sent?
- What would you need to know before you were sent there?

Dig:

- In verses 10-11, what is Paul’s motive for evangelism? How about in verse 14?
- How do these two motives fit together? How would someone motivated by these values stand in contrast to someone motivated by those mentioned in 2 Corinthians 2:17 and 5:12?
- What does Paul say about Christ and our response to Him (vv. 15-17)?
- What does “reconciliation” mean? What is its opposite? What story from your life might illustrate Paul’s use of this word?
- What does God do through Christ (v. 18)? Through us (v. 20)? For us (v. 17-18)?

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Reflect:

- What motivates you to share your faith? If you rarely do so, what inhibits you?
- What is one area in which you have recently struggled in terms of living for yourself rather than for Christ?
- How has exploring the key motivators helped you think about your approach and practice of discipleship to Jesus?

Take time to pray for each other.