

## Study Guide - 26 July, 2020

Series: Evangelism

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, 5:11-21



*This guide will help you facilitate a clear understanding of the Bible passage with a focus on applying God's truth to our lives together. You should spend at least half your time discussing questions that are application focused. Look at the Big Idea and What your CG Must Take Away sections at the beginning of the guide to keep the discussion focused.*

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## Overview

### Summary of Series

This series can take place across 5 weeks, focusing mostly on trying to develop a culture of evangelism, with a divide of 3+2 weeks. The first three specifically targeted at RHCers, and the last two examples of evangelistic sermons that we can invite friends to. The last two sermons can serve as different examples of how to evangelise - one from the text, and the other from a topic/curiosity people have.

### Big Idea

Evangelism is an essential part of discipleship. Because God has reconciled us to himself, we confidently partner with him to reconcile others to him

### CG Takeaway

For your CG to lay aside fears and be controlled by the love of Christ, and share the gospel with others.

1. What is Paul's attitude in preaching the gospel? (4:1-2, 5, 5:11-12)
2. What are the reasons people reject the gospel, in this passage? (4:3-4)
3. How does Paul use our salvation experience to encourage us when we face rejection from sharing the gospel? (v6)
- 4a. How does God reconcile the world to himself through Christ and through our preaching?
- 4b. How does Christ's death for us affect how we should now live?
- 5a. How do we sometimes tamper with the Word of God when we preach the gospel?
- 5b. How do we "regard others according to the flesh" (5:16) and how does it affect the way that we share the good news?
- 5c. What are some underlying reasons and fears that prohibit us from preaching the gospel faithfully?
- 6a. What are two motivations that Paul cites for the preaching of the gospel (5:11,14)?
- 6b. How do these motivations address our fears?
7. How does what Jo-Lea and Zheng Kang shared encourage you to evangelise?
8. What opportunities do you have to bring your faith into your normal relationships? How can we grow in being ambassadors of Christ in our normal lives?

### **Apply Practically**

Follow up with your group about people you want to share the gospel with from last week. Have there been any opportunities? How did it go? Pray specifically about fears that you have towards those whom God has brought to your mind.