

Discussion Notes

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Global Work Emphasis – Part 1

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2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (NLT)

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

- When we belong to Christ we get a fresh start, our values change, our priorities are reordered, we are set free from the things that entangle us
- This new life is a gift from God, but this gift comes with responsibility – to share it widely!
- This means:
 - We tell others about the fresh start we got, and that they can have a fresh start as well
 - We testify about how we were set free from a life of numbing self-interest
 - We tell of how we have been given a new identity
 - We point to Jesus so that others can see how big God is, so that he increases – we make him known

God is at work throughout the world – Siberia, Cuba, North Africa, India, Honduras

Discussion Questions

- How do you feel when you listen to all of the stories that Leanne shared?
- Do you feel your heart being moved by any or all of them? Which ones?
- As Nehemiah was moved to action, what will it take for us to be moved to action? What actions can we take?