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FRUIT OF NEW LIFE: Missionary

2.10.13: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

[set up]

When you hear the word “Missionary”, what image comes to your mind? How is that accurate or inaccurate to our understanding of what a missionary truly is?

What person (or people) did God use most to engage you on your spiritual journey to Christ? What were things that they specifically did or said that helped you grow closer to Jesus? How were they, in a sense, acting as a missionary?

[digging deeper]

Some followers of Christ still have a hard time either (a) believing God has called us to live on mission for Him, (b) remembering God has called us to live on mission for Him, or (c) regularly living on mission for God. Spend some time looking up and reviewing the following familiar verses to support/reinforce the calling and commissioning of Christ followers to live on mission for Jesus while here on earth.

Matthew 5:16; Matthew 9:37-38 Matthew 25:37-45 Matthew 28:18-20
John 20:21 Acts 1:8, I Corinthians 9:19-23 1 Peter 2:9-10
I Peter 3:15;

If you were to summarize the gist of those verses in once sentence, what would you say?
What prevents people from living more regularly on mission for Christ? What has prevented you?

Read through 2 Cor. 5:11-21. Which words or phrases express a missionary heart?

Why is it important to first be reconciled to God and see yourself as a new creation in Christ before trying to help others come to know the Lord?

What is an ambassador and how can the clarity of that term help motivate us to live on mission daily?

Share an experiences you have had being on mission in the following venues?

Locally (relational, serving people around you, a restoration project, etc):

Regionally:

Nationally:

Globally:



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[living it out]

List ways someone can be missional. Go back and circle or speak to the opportunities that you feel a strong pull toward. Which effort will you be willing to make this week?

Who am I actively trying to reach out to right now in the hopes that they will be reconciled with God?

What local, regional, national or global opportunities do I know about, or am willing to search out, so that I can live on mission in a greater capacity?

What other follower of Christ do I need to engage on this in the hopes that they will grow in their desire to be a missionary each day?

Go to cvonline.org and take the “Missionary” part of the “[Fruit of New Life Assessment](#)”. Take note of which questions you felt strong in and which ones you felt weakest in. We encourage that you read and act upon the recommended readings from the “[Assessment Companion Guide](#)” link right next to the Assessment.