

# Surprise the World

## MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE

### WEEK 6 – SENT: THE FIFTH HABIT

<sup>11</sup>Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (NIV)

### HOW TO LIVE AS A MISSIONARY WHEREVER YOU ARE

- \_\_\_\_\_ yourself primarily as a \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s  
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<sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

– Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

- \_\_\_\_\_ others through being a \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>42</sup>Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son

*of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

– **Mark 10:42-45 (NIV)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ gospel \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ others to share \_\_\_\_\_ with you

*<sup>10</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”*

– **Matthew 9:10-11 (NIV)**

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

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1. Why do so few Christians see themselves as missionaries?
2. What are the dangers of too closely identifying with any part of this world that we live in?
3. Why is it important that we identify as citizens of God’s kingdom?
4. How can being a servant give us influence with others?
5. What example did Jesus set for us about being a servant?
6. What is the message that Christians have been given? (see: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)
7. What are some ways that we can initiate gospel conversations with those who are not-yet believers?
8. What are some ways that you can practically invite others to share life with you?
9. **Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.** How might these verses help us understand the importance of living our lives as missionaries of the kingdom?
10. How can you begin making the five practices we have discussed throughout this series into habits in your life?