





REASON

FOR HOPE

SESSION 6

1. Watch the sermon titled "The Gospel Apologetic" on the Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel
2. Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with these honest questions.
3. Dive deeper into apologetics through Devotions 186-191 ([podcast/video](#)) and share them with the one you're discipling.

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GROUP/FAMILY SESSION 6

II CORINTHIANS 5:20,21

This Week's Sermon brings the gospel to bear upon all problems

Devotions 186-191 ([podcast/video](#)) discuss evidentialism

At www.JesseCampbellMinistries.com

CONTEXT:

As this curriculum series focusing particularly on the big *why* of apologetics in II Corinthians 5 and 6 comes to a close, the line rightly blurs between this series and the next in which we will train for evangelism – actually leading people to Christ. Review the "Reason for Hope" sermons and devotions for more practical tools and training in arguing for God's existence.

Paul's letters to Corinthian Church called them to correct internal error and engage the corrupt city around them, calling their fellow Corinthians to reconcile with God. This mission was not given to Corinth alone. It is the mission shared by modern Christian apologists who do not cower in the face of atheism, agnosticism, and pagan faiths; but rise up and reach out with a God-given mission to reconcile lost people to God.

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT:

The motivation behind the practice of Christian apologetics is our mission to represent Christ as ambassadors and appeal to those professing disbelief, "Be reconciled to God."



NOTES

CONNECTING THIS SESSION TO THE SERMON

Apologetics can be evidentialist (pointing to evidences for God), or presuppositional (the larger thrust of this series). In any case, the mission of apologetics is to reconcile people to God. The gospel itself is the answer sought by social justice warriors and skeptical activists of benevolent secular causes; solving the core of the core of all that has ailed every society in history. Sin is the ultimate problem. The gospel is the only solution. This, in itself, is an apologetic. It has succeeded in every historical scenario.

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BIBLICAL TEXT (CSB)

II Corinthians 6:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God." 21 He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT TOGETHER:



- Does an international ambassador speak with his own authority, or does he represent the authority of his country? How are political ambassadors similar to Christian apologists?
- We observe the tragic effects of sin and wonder about God's strategy to make things right. Describe the gut-check verse 20 gives you when you realize it is you.
- When you, filled with the Holy Spirit, speak the words, "Be reconciled to God" to someone who has been far from Him, is Christ speaking through you? Explain.
- The prefix "re-" in the word "reconciled" suggests that mankind was once good with God. Describe Eden, then explain why this ministry is one of reconciliation.
- According to Romans 6:23, the wages of sin is death. Describe the paradox of Jesus, the sinless One, taking the full weight of mankind's sin upon himself.
- Envision those in your life who are far from God becoming "the righteousness of God." Tell the group what you see as you prayerfully picture what God could do.



THE TAKEAWAY

SO WHAT, CHURCH?

GOD HAS COMMITTED HIS MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION TO US. THE SINLESS ONE TOOK ALL SIN UPON HIMSELF SO THAT WE SINNERS MAY BE IMPUTED WITH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

TODAY, HE MAKES HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. SO, TO THOSE WHO DISBELIEVE IN GOD, WE SPEAK THE WORDS OF CHRIST, "BE RECONCILED TO GOD."

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All Scripture points to Jesus. Here is how you can take what God showed you in this text and disciple your child with it! You don't need a seminary degree and you don't need to be perfect. Just point to Jesus. He is perfect.



An ambassador is someone who carries a message. We are ambassadors for Jesus. So, we carry a message from Jesus to the people of the world who do not yet believe in Him. That message is found in Second Corinthians 6:20 and 21. Its words are, "Be reconciled to God." As we talked about last week, to be reconciled is to come back together again for a hug after two people have been upset with one another. We as ambassadors tell the world, "Be reconciled to God."

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