

## BIG IDEA

**Found People Find People.**

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Were you able to attend the Peace Conference? If so, what was one thing you learned that you can share with the group?

**Read Matthew 5:43-48.** Why did Jesus tell us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us? Are there other teachings of Jesus that you personally find difficult to live out? Why?

According to the text Jesus commands us to love our enemies so that, “you may be children of your Father in heaven.” Jesus is saying that love and prayer for enemies is one of the distinguishing marks of a true believer.

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.** What would you say is the role of an ambassador for Jesus?

An ambassador is an individual who represents the interests of another and speaks on their behalf. For example, the US Ambassador to China represents the interests and wants of the US to the Chinese government. We are Christ’s ambassadors to the world. This means that we represent Jesus’ interests to those around us.

What do you think the Apostle Paul meant when he said God has given us ‘the ministry of reconciliation’?

The ministry of reconciliation is the way that we represent Jesus’ interests to the world. The word reconcile means simply to make right or to make peace. The idea is harmonizing and fixing a broken relationship. God has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus and is now asking us to go and do the same. Our job as Christians is to bring that reconciliation to others.

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

**Read Colossians 1:21.** At what point(s) in your life did you consider yourself an enemy of God? Why?

Think about when you became a Christian. Who threw you the life ring? Share about that experience.



What gets in the way of participating in the ministry of reconciliation and being an ambassador for Jesus?

*We often let many things get in the way of representing Jesus. Fear might be the most common.*

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

**Read 1 John 4:18.** How would your life be different if you knew no fear?

**Read Matthew 28:19-20.** Recall the Coast Guard motto, "So Others May Live." Does this phrase change the way you see The Great Commission? What are you willing to do so that others may live?

Only 2% of Christians invite their friends to church, but 85% of non-church goers would attend church if invited. Who in your life needs a life line thrown to them? Invite them to attend church with you this coming week.

*Remind your group of the statistic and let them know you want everyone to hold each other accountable next week. This is also a great time to remind the group about the [How to Share Your Faith](#) video series you will be starting next week!*

*Ask next week if they invited and brought a friend, family member or co-worker with them to church.*

