



# LORDSHIP GENEROSITY

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LEARNER GUIDE | SESSION 4

*Stewarding Forgiveness & Reconciliation*



**SESSION IN A SENTENCE** Those who have been reconciled to Christ have been given the ministry of reconciliation.

**BIBLE BACKGROUND** This is the second letter from Paul to the church at Corinth. This church had experienced significant strife and dysfunction. Paul addressed this in 1 Corinthians and spent the majority of 2 Corinthians encouraging them in their growth and repentance. The focus of chapter five centers around understanding our longing for our eternal home and proclaiming a message of reconciliation to those who do not know Christ so they may also experience eternal life in heaven.

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS TODAY** The term “reconciliation” can be used as an accounting term. It means to bring two sides of an account into order or compliance. While the term does have accounting principles, we should be quick to realize that our lives need to be reconciled. This does not mean that we need to bring in more funds than we spend annually. Instead, we need to acknowledge that we have a sin debt we cannot pay, and it needs to be reconciled to God through Christ. Once we have been reconciled to Him, then we need to understand that He has given us the ministry of reconciliation, proclaiming salvation in Christ to others.

# 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know him in this way. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! <sup>18</sup> Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. <sup>19</sup> That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God." <sup>21</sup> 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.

## **POINT 1: WE MUST BE**

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**TO CHRIST**

(vv. 16-17)

## **POINT 3: WE ARE**

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(v. 20-21)

## **POINT 2: WE ARE TO OFFER**

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**TO CHRIST**

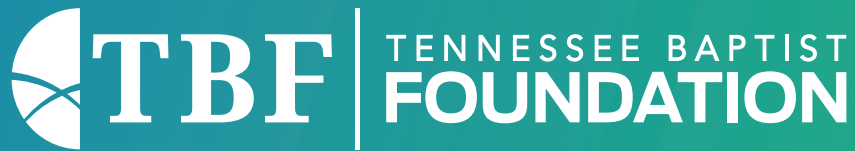
(v. 18-19)











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