

# God So Loved the World

FBC Small-Group Guide  
Week of April 29th, 2007

## Introduction

Reconciliation is a difficult thing. As I have worked with people who have considered or gone through divorce, what becomes immediately apparent is the great obstacles that must be either torn down or surmounted. Sometimes these obstacles seem overwhelming and even impossible to overcome. Let us not think that it is any different when it comes to the broken relationship between us and God. Reconciliation between God and man presented overwhelming obstacles. It surely required something amazing to bring those walls down. That's what Christ is. Amazing. How he managed it, we may never fully know. But somehow, against all odds, Christ brought those walls crumbling down. Blessings to you and your group as you look together at Christ's reconciling work.

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**Getting Started** (to get group discussion going):

- What are some stories, images, or movies that come to your mind when you think about "reconciliation"?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. What things motivated Paul? Share some observations about his motives.
2. What does this passage say about our reconciliation with God? How complete is it?
3. How would you describe the "ministry" of reconciliation? How would you describe the "message" of reconciliation?
4. What does Paul mean when he says in verse 16, "we regard no one from a worldly point of view?"
5. Verse 21 describes a great exchange that brought about reconciliation. How would you describe that "exchange" in your own words?
6. Read Philippians 2:5-11, for a description of what Christ went through in order to achieve our reconciliation. What did Christ go through? What will be his reward?

**Getting Personal:**

1. What is involved in being Christ's ambassador in our day and age? What does this look like in practical terms?
2. What are the obstacles of being an ambassador for Christ?
3. Why do you think Christ chose us to be his ambassadors rather than choosing some other means?
4. Have you ever had the privilege of leading someone to Christ (i.e. reconciling them to God)? What was it like?

**Putting it into Practice:**

1. How will you allow the love of God to overcome the fear of man so that you can be motivated to share Christ with others?
2. What is one way that you can be Christ's ambassador this week?

**Prayer:**

- As ambassadors, we help and support one another in our reconciling work. Pray for one another. And if your group has adopted an FBC missionary, find out his/her prayers needs and devote some time as a group to praying aggressively and confidently for them.