

Our Single Task

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Miscellaneous Sermons / Mission/ 2 Co 5:16–21

1. To be like God is to be others-oriented.
2. Our sin makes us self-oriented.
3. Jesus Christ died to reorient and recreate us.
 - a. Reorient Us
 - b. Recreate Us
4. We are freed from our selfish, fleeting ambitions to live for eternal, significant ambitions.
 - a. Give ourselves to persuading others to believe in God.
 - b. Give ourselves to knowing that each of our neighbors will live forever, either with God or separated from Him.
 - c. Give ourselves to live as the ambassador that we already are.

Discussion Questions

1. How does the story of Kodak losing sight of its identity parallel our own risk of losing our spiritual identity? In what ways do you see individuals or communities losing track of their calling or identity in Christ?
2. Reflect on 2 Corinthians 5:11. How does “knowing the fear of the Lord” motivate us to persuade others? In what ways can a deeper understanding of God’s character impact our mission and daily tasks?
3. Discuss the statement, “Our sin makes us self-oriented.” How do you observe this in your own life, and what practical steps can be taken to shift the focus from self to others, particularly in light of Paul’s example?
4. Explore the concept that “Jesus Christ died to reorient and recreate us.” How does understanding this change the way we live our lives, interact with others, and view our ambitions? Can you share a personal experience of how this realization has transformed an aspect of your life?
5. In considering 2 Corinthians 5:21, discuss the significance of Jesus taking on our sin so that we might become righteous. How does embracing this truth empower us for the

ministry of reconciliation? How can we practically live out this ministry in our everyday interactions?