

## November 29, 2020 2 Corinthians 5:11-19

1. What seems to motivate you to do what you do in your life? What have you learned about impure motives in your life?

 In this passage (verses 11-13), Paul tells us that "fear of the Lord" is one of two motivators for every follower of Christ. What are the 3 things a healthy fear of the Lord motivates us to do? (verse 11) 3. Discuss the following quote: "The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else." Oswald Chambers

What is a specific fear in your life where a healthy fear of the Lord might dispel that specific fear?

4. Verses 14-15 tell us the "love of the Lord" (His love for us) is a second motivator for every follower of Christ. What difference does it make for our service and discipleship to come from a growing sense of His love? How can we cultivate that sense of His love in our hearts and minds instead of repeating a "perfection drill" by trying to earn His love?

5. How can our understanding of verses 14-15, reorient our mission as a follower of Christ? Share how that mission might be fulfilled in a large way in your life, or in small ways every day of your life?

6. Are there people in your life you judge from a worldly point of view? How could verses 16-17 change the way you look at other people?

7. What new perspective or good reminder did you gain about Christ's ministry of reconciliation? (vv. 18-19)

8. What specific step can you take in your own ministry to persuade people to be reconciled to God through Christ?