

# LIFEgroups

New Day

Restoring the  
Revolutionary Mission  
of Christ's Church



## Ambassadors

### Open

Go around and let everyone answer...

Is there a bridge so noteworthy you still remember it? Tell us about your experience.

### DIG

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-18a** (New International Translation)

*"<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God,"*

Why is a person who has come to Christ considered a "new creation"?  
What is the difference between the old and the new?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19** (New International Translation)

*"who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them."*

Explain the meaning of "reconcile".  
What would a "ministry of reconciliation" look like?  
How do people become reconciled to God?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:19-20** (New International Translation)

*"And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."*

Who did God pass this ministry of reconciliation to?  
What does that make us?  
Say out loud, "God is making his appeal through me." How does that feel?

What is the appeal God is making through us?  
How vital do you believe people's response to God's appeal is?

### APPLY

Describe ways a church is part of God's ministry of reconciliation.  
As Christ's ambassador, what are you willing to do?  
How can the group help each other as we live as Christ's ambassadors?

## Leader

### Lesson Series

This New Day lesson series is based on the book by David Young by the same title and is a call for restoring the revolutionary mission of the church.

### Big Idea

The primary mission of God's people is to live like Christ and help others to grow in the same way. Another way to say that is to make disciples, or followers of Christ.

### Prayer

Pray for insights to see yourself as an ambassador for Christ.

### Use of Discussion Guides

Group lessons help focus on understanding God's word. Group facilitators need to use the guide as an aid to help participants see how to put the principles into practice in daily life. Encourage discussion about how to live out the message and spend time praying for challenges of people in the group.