

The word "NEXUS" is written in a stylized, glowing blue font with a circuit-like pattern. The letters are interconnected with lines that resemble a network or circuit board. The background is black, making the blue lines stand out.

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## Week 3: Reconciliation

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

1. Tell about a time that you experienced reconciliation (or need it) with someone in your life (friend, family member, neighbor, boss...). How did that reconciliation change the relationship?
2. 2 Corinthians 5 tells us that God has reconciled us to Himself. What does this mean and why is it crucial to our faith journey? What does God's work to reconcile us and adopt us tell us about God's nature?
3. These verses also tell us that we are ambassadors for Christ to our world with the "ministry" and "message" of reconciliation. What does it mean to live as an ambassador for Jesus in this world? How do we live out this role day-to-day in practical ways?
4. Take 60 seconds of silence to consider these two questions: 1) If you were getting your annual review as an ambassador, are you more likely to get a raise or be fired? 2) How can this group come along side you to help you be a better ambassador for Jesus?
5. In what way(s) should Journey Groups be similar to St. Patrick's model of cross-road communities (hint: there should be similarities)? How is our Journey Group positioned at cross-roads (both geographically and relationally)? How are we making our group more accessible at these cross-roads like Patrick's communities and less like the inaccessible monasteries on a hill?
6. It's pop quiz time! Pastor Mark mentioned 5 questions to help us determine how well we are doing as ambassadors. Take a minute or two to give this group a score in these areas on the next page. Then talk about the scores you gave and how the group can be more effective ambassadors for Jesus.

For each category, mark your personal score with a circle and the score you give your group with a triangle. 1 is a low score and 5 is a high score.

**Mercy** - We are eager to bring reconciliation to those who are far from God. 1 2 3 4 5

**Mission** - We are more concerned with helping people find Jesus than convincing them of our perspective on things. 1 2 3 4 5

**Message** - We are engaging our world with the message of Jesus in a way that they can understand. 1 2 3 4 5

**More** - We are not satisfied with the status quo and want to include others in our group. 1 2 3 4 5

**Multiply** - We are preparing for our group to multiply so that even more people can be reconciled to God. 1 2 3 4 5