

# BELPRES CHURCH

## A RECONCILING PRESENCE

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<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

<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, 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. 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.

- 2 Cor. 5:16-20

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### Discussion Questions: Read 2 Cor. 5:16-20

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1. Briefly talk about a time when you had the opportunity to to be a reconciler or peacemaker.
2. Think about a time when you said something that wish you could take back?
3. What would be the toughest group to stand up to if it were your responsibility to speak truth to power?
4. What is a good way to resist the pressure to acquiesce to the bitterness we are seeing in our culture?