

# SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

## **When we truly understand and believe the love of Christ, we are compelled to die and live.**

- **What areas of your life have you been living for that in reality have been “living for yourself.”** Confess them specifically to the Lord and look to His death and resurrection as your strength to live for God.
- **What ways recently have you sensed the love of Christ compelling you to live differently for God and others?** List 2 ways that you have seen God changing you in the last month. Spend a moment praising God for His work! Remind your soul that God is including you in His life.

## **The compelling love of Christ leaves its mark. We are changed to see like God.**

- **Think through your day with this question in mind, “How often do I treat people as ‘after the flesh.’”** People have souls! That includes the gas station attendant, the waitress at lunch today, your boss, your children, that other couple in your community group, the coworker that talks too much, and your drama-prone sister. Finish this sentence with the relationships you struggle most with, “If I lived like they had a soul, I would...”
- **What ways have you been using Jesus as just another tool in our toolbox to fix the problems the problems you have.** Read through passages on God’s sovereignty and holiness like Colossians 1, Isaiah 40 or Job 28.
- **Do you see yourself as a soul renovator? Are others’ souls or your own just another project that needs your tweaking to fix? Do you often find yourself frustrated and weary at trying to fix the problems of the heart? God alone works change in the human heart. Run to Him. Look deep into His love for you. Confess pride, and beg Him to work His new creation!**

## **The compelling love of Christ gives us a mission. We are sent to represent God.**

- **Do you converse in the language of reconciliation with those that are already reconciled?** Does your life’s words sound out as one who is consistently dying and living for those around you at Gospel Grace? Write down 2 ways that you can begin speaking God’s language to those in your community group this Wednesday night.
- **Do you converse the language of reconciliation with those that aren’t yet reconciled?** Are you willing to awkwardly invite others into your life, your home, your community groups, or to a church service so that they can hear the language we speak? Think of one person or family that you can begin sharing the message of reconciliation with this week.