NEW LIFE

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creative; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 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. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:17-21, NIV).

At conversion, believers are not merely turning over a new leaf; they are beginning a new life under a new Master. They are RECREATED (born again), brand new people.

1. How does being RECREATED differ from being reformed, rehabilitated, or re-educated?
2. Have you personally accepted Jesus’ gift of a new life for yourself? If not, ask your chapter members to share the Gospel with you right now. (You can finish the Bible study at home).
3. How does this new life affect our thoughts, behaviors, and relationships?
4. Exactly what is our “ministry of reconciliation?”
5. How are people “reconciled to God?” What causes the separation?
6. Who or what is the source of the “ministry of reconciliation?”
7. Who is involved in this “ministry?”
8. How important is it for born again believers and the “church” to keep spreading the message of Jesus and new life to the world?
9. Is the mission getting harder or easier to accomplish considering present world events?

Paul implored, urged, and pleaded with everyone who would listen to him to accept God’s free gift of salvation. It was extremely urgent because it would change their eternal destiny.

10. Are you hot, cold, or lukewarm in your mission as an ambassador for Jesus Christ?
11. When you share your testimony and the Gospel of Jesus, is it enthusiastic or half-hearted?

Jesus became sin for us so we could be righteous in God’s eyes.

12. Are you grateful to Christ for His gift to you?
13. In what ways can we express and show our gratitude in relationship to Jesus and others?
14. Will you commit yourself to use this year to actively and enthusiastically share your faith with bikers and others you come into contact with?

PRAY that God will make you sensitive to the Holy Spirit and aware of the needs of the people you meet this year.