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Series: This Changes Everything

Message Title: Heaven Walks In

Key Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Discussion Guide

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Chris Hodges concluded the *This Changes Everything* series by focusing on what it means to live as ambassadors for Christ. Using 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Pastor Chris showed us the progression of the Christian life: we are saved, changed, and sent. When we give our lives to Jesus, we don't just receive a new identity, we receive a new assignment. As ambassadors, we represent heaven while living on earth, carrying God's message of reconciliation to the world.

Throughout this series we have been asking this question: *When God moves, what is our next move?* Pastor Chris gave us a clear answer today: We represent Jesus wherever we go. Our homes, workplaces, and everyday interactions become "embassy ground," where heaven touches earth through us. When we walk into a room, heaven walks in with us.

He outlined three key ways we live this out: by knowing Jesus personally, reflecting His character, and carrying His mission. Knowing Jesus comes through full surrender and daily relationship. Reflecting His character happens through transformation in community. Carrying His mission means living on assignment, by giving, serving, and sharing Christ with others.

Make It Practical

1. Pastor Chris emphasized that we cannot represent Jesus well if we don't know him personally. What are some ways you can spend intentional time with God every day this week through prayer, worship and the Word?
2. God is transforming us to look more like Jesus over time. This happens best in authentic community. What relationships should you intentionally build this week?
3. As ambassadors, we live on assignment. Ask yourself, "What is God calling me to do today?" Write down the answer to that question and spend some time with God in prayer about it.

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“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 Christ.”

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

Talk About It

1. Can you think of a moment when someone represented Jesus well to you?
What made it impactful?
2. What’s one small, practical way you could bring “heaven” into a conversation this week?
3. Which of the three (knowing Jesus, reflecting His character, or carrying the mission) feels most natural to you right now? Which feels most challenging?
4. Who is one person in your life right now that God may be inviting you to represent Him to more intentionally this week?

Prayer

God, thank You for saving me, changing me, and sending me. Thank You for trusting me to represent You in my everyday life. Help me to know You more deeply, reflect Your character, and live on mission wherever I go. Use my life to bring hope, healing, and truth to others. Let heaven walk in with me this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.