



WELCOME *to* **RIVERSIDE** CHURCH

Big Lake - Buffalo - Sauk Rapids

ONE CHURCH
MULTIPLE CAMPUSES
ONE FAMILY

July 26, 2026

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Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Think back to your experiences with group projects in school (like Pastor Kyle did last Sunday). Since you can no longer get a bad grade for fessing up, what role did you most often play in the group: the smart kid, the talker, the "too cool to do this" guy, the flirt, the disinterested one, or something else?

1. Pastor Kyle declared that "we were created for Mission", to "be a part of something bigger than ourselves." What are some of the missions that have motivated your life?
2. Pastor Kyle said that God's heart is not "to give you your best life now", but rather to give you a whole NEW life that "reorients our heart back around God" (see **2 Corinthians 5:17-18**). How is the focus of the first idea different from the second and how might that difference play out in our understanding of our life mission?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 5:18b-20**. This scripture indicates that "You are God's plan...you are not His second choice." How can God have that much confidence in us; and what has He given us to fill Him with such assurance? Do you take courage from His confidence?
4. Have you ever been a part of a church that, in the face of our morally corrupt and increasingly hostile culture, developed what Pastor Kyle called a "defeatist mentality" and chose to just "circle the wagons" and try to survive until Jesus comes? What does that kind of church/Christian look like and why do so many find it alluring? What's the antidote?
5. Pastor Kyle introduced us to a new phrase that he is going to be using throughout this series: **Mission Means Me**. How do you respond to that call and how do you see it applying to your life?

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

Day One: John 15; Psalm 27

Day Two: Deuteronomy 24; Proverbs 22

Day Three: 1 Chronicles 5; 2 Corinthians 10

Day Four: Revelation 4; Daniel 6

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 11; Acts 9



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2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2, NLT

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

BIG IDEA

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...do you know what God's mission gives all of us?

_____.

- *Where do you find your purpose?*

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- When we say 'YES!' to Jesus, His mission becomes our mission. (2 Corinthians 5:18b-20)
- Jesus' mission was so clear and simple—to reconcile people who were far from God back to God.

_____ are God's _____ to accomplish _____ mission.
(2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

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God's mission _____.

Mission _____ me.

- God's mission is first, foremost, and forever about God.
- We will not have a "group project" mentality.

_____ the mission now.



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