



## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

### *Lesson 5: The Role of the Church in the World Today—2 Corinthians 5:11-21*

#### ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?  
How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?  
How is this the world's story?*

#### PRAYER

*We pray to You, O almighty and everlasting God, who through Jesus Christ, Your Son has revealed Your undying love, grace and mercy to all people and nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchangeable faith and increasing courage to proclaim and perform the gospel story of Your great name. Amen.*

#### WEEKLY PRACTICE

This week you are going to share your faith! Nervous? That's okay, we all are at one time or another. With a classmate, family member, friend, or sibling take the time to share why you are a person of faith and what it means to you. Start here. If the conversation continues that is great. If not, find a time in a few days to follow up and ask something like, "Remember me talking about my faith? What did you think of that?"

#### BECOMING MY STORY

*Philemon 1:6*

*Romans 1:16*

*1 Peter 3:5*

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, consider the following questions:

*How are these Scripture passages related to the message in 2 Corinthians 5:11-21?*

*How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from 2 Corinthians 5:11-21?*

*What is God saying to you through these passages?*

Consider other passages you might know related to 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 and read them this week, journaling as you go.