

# RESOLUTE

TENACIOUS FAITH IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

## **Housekeeping**

Leaders can share Hope happenings and any future Home Group plans.

## **Read the Text**

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 together.

## **Prayer**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and discussed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## **Discussion**

1/ What “controls” Paul according to v. 14? Think about that image: being “constrained” to love God and others because of the love of Jesus? What is striking about this image?

2/ Paul says in v. 15 that the reason he is able to love God and others is because of the death and resurrection of Jesus. How does the death and resurrection of Jesus make us live for others?

3/ In v. 16 Paul describes his new perspective on the world. What is it?

4/ Now, in v. 17 we come to the famous passage about new creation. Some say that this verse summarizes well the New Testament. Discuss.

5/ What does it mean to be *in Christ*? How is this different from “being religious?”

6/ How could this passage help you wait well during this Advent?

## **Time of Prayer**