



SESSION 4 | MAR 26, 2023

How Did It Go

- Did you read and reflect upon Philippians 2:1-11 this week? In what ways did God reveal to you how you can mirror the mindset of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit?
- Did you intentionally find someone to serve this week? What thoughts emerged from reflecting on the ways Jesus served us—even giving His life in our place?
- Did you reflect and act upon other ways the Holy Spirit is leading you to put this passage into practice? How did you respond without delay to the Spirit's conviction?

Read Aloud the Passage

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Discuss

HEAD | 10-15 MINUTES

Observe the text and the author's main points.

1. What is the meaning of the word "compelled" as it is used in v. 14?
2. Scholars have debated whether v. 14 speaks of Christ's love for us, or our love for Christ. Which do you think it is? Can the phrase carry both meanings?
3. Could the FPC Mission Statement ("Compelled by the love of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we carry the gospel to Houston and the world.") work for you as a "personal mission statement"? Why or why not?

HEART | 15–20 MINUTES

Envision how the text—when applied—might transform your inner life in terms of your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors.

1. When have you felt “compelled” by something?
2. One meaning of the word “compelled” is the idea of being “held fast” or “held together.” Describe a moment or a season in your life when you felt “held fast” by Christ.

HANDS | 10 MINUTES

Apply the text by moving from inward reflection to outward action looking for ways to live the text out in our lives to serve others.

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- How can you express gratitude for the times when Christ has “held you fast”?
- In what ways could you contemplate or reflect on the depth of Christ’s love for you?

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- Ask God who He wants you to pray for this week, and then pray for them.
- Ask God to place someone in your path with whom you share your faith story this week.

Reaching Beyond

- In light of being compelled by Christ’s love, what tangible steps will you take to participate in His ministry of reconciliation? Discuss ideas as a group. Consider how ALPHA might help.

Alpha Prayer Points

1. Pray for the people of FPC to engage with non-Christians and those who are searching to invite them to Alpha.
2. Pray for God to raise up people to serve with this Alpha. Our needs include 15-20 hosts at the tables and hospitality providers—who can commit eight Thursday evenings. Join us in also praying for a dedicated prayer team for this Alpha.
3. Pray for God to be working in the hearts of those He wants to be a part of this Alpha whether they are non-Christians or Christians who are searching.