



## **Compelled - Andy Stanley**

### **Introduction**

To make a church for the unchurched we need the help of everyone. Serving is a vital part of the life of our church, and may become a vital part of your life if you let it.

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 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 God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."* - **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Who is a mentor/friend/coach that has had the largest impact on your life? Why was their impact so large? Do you want to have that kind of impact on other people?
2. Do you find that your life is more focused on temporary significance or eternal significance? What are you doing in your life that has eternal purpose? Do you want to focus more on eternity or temporary? Why?
3. Why is it important for us to no longer live for ourselves, but for Jesus and others?
4. What does it mean that we are "a new creation" in Christ? What are all the implications of this?
5. What does it mean to be "reconciled to God in Christ"? Why is this such a key theme in Paul's message?
6. What does it mean to be Christ's ambassador? What are some things that keep us from fully embracing this as part of our identity? How can we begin to embrace that as our identity?
7. How do the verses we read relate to having real eternal significance? What is one step you can take this week in relation to today's discussion?

### **Moving Forward**

Paul explains to us why Christ came, died, and rose again. He then highlights how we can actively participate in that with him as his ambassadors. Let's take a step this week to step into all that God has for us!