

# THE **crossing** **small groups**

## Bob Goff | Philippians 2:20-21 Sermon Discussion Participant's Guide

**Purpose of Discussion:** Grow as an ambassador for Christ.

**Note:** We had a guest speaker, Bob Goff, this morning. He actually gave a different talk in each service. Each talk was similar in theme to the other. Today's sermon discussion was based off of his talk in the first service (which is the one that is up on the website).

**Icebreaker:** Bob Goff is an ambassador to the US from Uganda. If you were an ambassador for another country, a company, or a cause, what would it be?

### **Discussion:**

#### **Read:**

#### **1 Peter 2:9**

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

#### **2 Corinthians 2:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. <sup>15</sup> For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup> To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

#### **2 Corinthians 5:20**

<sup>20</sup> 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.

1. What do these verses tell us who we are as Christians and what we are meant to do?

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2. How is this mission for our lives more than merely living to be happy?
3. How might our insecurities distract us from the mission?
4. How does giving our insecurities to Jesus actually help us? And, how do we give Jesus our insecurities?

## **Read:**

### [Philippians 2:20-21](#)

<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. <sup>20</sup> I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

5. What is so notable about Timothy according to Paul?
6. Bob gave a lot of examples of what it looks like to have genuine concern for others. What are some ways we can do that to those around us?

## **Sharing and Prayer:**

- Who is a particular person that God is calling you to show the love of Christ?
- Have a time of silent prayer for everyone to pray for the person they shared about.
- Close with a general prayer for everyone in the small group.