

# LET'S MAKE THEM HISTORY

## Let's Make Ignorance History

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### introduction

What if Jesus had never been born? For one thing, ignorance would be rampant. Education and schools, healing and hospitals, and churches and Christian education would have never happened. In fact, most ills and evils of any society can be traced back to a lack of knowledge about God and His ways. Proverbs 29:18 says that "people perish for lack of vision". Vision in this context is about knowing God and how to do life from His perspective. People are perishing spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically, and relationally because they don't know, trust, love and obey the God of the Bible. Rick Warren says, many of our troubles occur because we base our choices on unreliable authorities - Culture (everyone is doing it); Tradition (we've always done it that way); Reason (it just seemed logical); or Emotion (it just feels right). So what is God's response to this epidemic of ignorance in our world today?

Begin by reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

1. Do you know any full-time missionaries? Tell the group about them.
2. Do you agree that most ills and evils of our society can be traced back to a lack of knowledge about God and his ways? Why or why not?
3. What questions, issues or insights strike you as you read this passage?
3. According to this passage, what is God's answer for spiritual ignorance?
4. What do you think Paul means when he says in verse 15 that "we are convinced that one died for all and therefore all died" and verse 16, "we no longer view people from a worldly point of view, though we used to"?
5. Who did God use to make His appeal to you?

### moving forward

Billions live without hope and are in conflict. They don't know that they are not here by accident. They don't know that Jesus traded his righteousness for their sin to reconcile them to God both for this life and the life to come. Jesus calls us ambassadors or missionaries that God himself is using to appeal to a spiritually ignorant world. What thoughts, feelings and questions does that truth conjure up in you? God has no "Plan B". We are His plan to make spiritual and moral ignorance history. Take time to pray for the people to whom you are Christ's ambassador.

### changing your mind

*My people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge – Hosea 4:6*