

Message Based Discussion

2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What did you find hard to accept or understand?
3. What does this passage teach about people?
4. What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?
5. What will you do now? Based on this passage, how will your life change?
6. How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?
7. Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this passage?

The Call to Christian Discipleship

Paul declares that he initially wanted to visit the Corinthians but that through much anguish, his plans changed. He quickly points out that his plans changed through a reliance on what was best for them, apparently seeped in prayer to God. In your Christian walk, how often do you rely so heavily on prayer and Scripture with your decisions?

The Call to Missional Living

Paul opens in verse 12 with a description of how he acted and lived amongst the Corinthians. He specifically rejects earthly wisdom and highlights holiness and godly sincerity. What would it look like for you to reject earthly wisdom this week? What would it look like to embrace holiness and godly sincerity? How do you think that would win the lost for Christ?

Memorize: Verse of the month (Devotion)

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

—Romans 12:1

Abundance of Love

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Reading: Proverbs 16:1-9

1. The Boasting Brethren (v. 12-14)

- Behavior by grace

- Acknowledging the Apostle

- Bilateral boasting

2. Paul changes plans (v. 15-22)

- Experience of grace
- “Yes!” to the promises
- Established, anointed, sealed

3. The evidence is clear (v. 23-2:4)

- Sparing some pain
- The shared joy of sanctification
- Saying hard things