

# Message Based Discussion

2 Corinthians 2:12-17

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

The phrase, "aroma of Christ," is an interesting phrase. The Corinthian culture would have been familiar with their own aromas, like the those from the pagan temples. We also associate certain aromas with specific memories, places, or people. So, what does it mean for you to bear the aroma of Christ. Are people aware of Christ in you?

## The Call to Missional Living

Paul indicates that he expected to find Titus in Troas. When he arrived, he was more than disappointed. He was so bothered by Titus' absence that he could not focus on ministry. What does it say to the world around us when Christians share such a love for each other that we despair for each other; whether in absence, pain, or sorrow?

## 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

## Triumph in Christ

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Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

1. Paul's criterion for ministry (v. 12-13)

- Doin' the Lord's work

- With the Lord's people

- In the Lord's time

## 2. Faithfulness of the Father (v. 14-16)

- We are more than conquerors
- We are the aroma of Christ
- We are the fragrance of faith

## 3. The real deal (v. 16b-17)

- The insufficiency of ourselves
- The genuineness of God's Word
- The power of Christ in us