

Message Based Discussion

2 Corinthians 5:1-11

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 says he is always of good courage. By all indications, this is what sustains him as well as compels him to live in the light of Christ. In our humanity it is easy to get discouraged. This week, think about how the gospel can be your “good courage”.

The Call to Missional Living

This set of verses has a fairly large implication to world missions. Paul recognizes the temporary status of his earthly body, longing to be at home in heaven, willing to die for the message of the cross. We will not all be called into foreign missions, but how do these verses impact your local evangelism? In what ways are you holding on to this tent that could otherwise further the gospel in your community?

Memorize: Verse of the month (Doctrine)

“for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”

—Hebrews 5:13-14

Confidence in the Face of Death

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Reading: Romans 8:18-25

1. Paul's Confident Groaning (v. 1-5)

- Confident of the temporary

- Confident in the eternal

- Confident in the Spirit

2. Consequences of Paul's Confidence (v. 6-10)

- Always courageous

- Always hopeful

- Always pleasing

3. Motivation for Ministry (v. 11)

- Fear inspired by the Lord

- Others

- Confidence in the future