

Message Based Discussion

2 Corinthians 7:2-16

God's Good Grief
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January 22, 2017
Reading: Luke 15:1-10

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

The Call to Christian Discipleship

Something that Paul identifies in this passage is the reality that Christians will suffer. He calls it affliction, suggests it includes mourning, longing, fear, punishment, and considers it leads to feeling downcast. Part of our journey of sanctification is learning to seek God as our sole source of comfort. Can you think of a time on your life when you found yourself dependent on God for all comfort?

The Call to Missional Living

Would you agree with the concept that church is a group effort? Paul gives credit to the church as a group for his rejoicing and his confidence. How can we as a "body" of believers work together to turn grief into repentance?

Memorize: Verse of the month (Doctrine)

"as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death."

—Philippians 1:20

1. Staking his claim (vs. 2-4)

- Making room

- Wrong, right, indifferent

- Abundant joy

2. Preparing the fields (vs. 5-9)

- Downcast
- Grief with no regrets
- Rejoicing at repentance

3. Building the House (vs. 10-16)

- Good grief vs. Bad grief
- The proof is in the pudding
- One body, many parts