

# Message Based Discussion

## 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

**Paul's Pride: Part 1**  
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**April 2, 2017**  
**Reading: Genesis 2:23-3:7**

What did you like about this message?  
What did you find hard to accept or understand?  
What does this message teach you about people?  
What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?  
What will you do now? Based on this message, 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 message?

### **The Call to Christian Discipleship**

How well would you say that you know the Bible? Paul mentions a divine jealousy for the church to protect them from the false apostles who are agents of Satan. Psalm 119 declares that God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path as well as our source of understanding. Reflect on how you might use Scripture to expose the schemes of the devil.

### **The Call to Missional Living**

The first century church apparently struggled with the same tolerance that the twenty first century church struggles with. Culture's call to accept the norms of society over the truth of Scripture sneaks its way into our fellowship. How might we protect against this scheme of the Devil while sharing the True Light of Christ with the world around us?

## **Pray**

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1. What is Paul's primary concern? (vss. 1-6)

- Foolishness & Jealousy

- Crafty cunning

- Jesus, the Spirit, & the Gospel

2. What is our motivation for Gospel service? (vss. 7-11)

- Paul's policy on preaching (cf. 1 Corinthians 9)

- "...in lands beyond you" (10:16)

- Love of the brethren

3. What is the "mission" of every Christian? (vss. 12-15)

- How do we differ from the world?

- How do we discern the difference?

- Deeds to an end—Love God, Love Others.