

# Message Based Discussion

## 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

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**

Paul's longing in these recent verses is for the people of God in Corinth. He sees them as beloved people of God. His authenticity is evidenced by his testimony in the presence of these saints.

What does it mean to you to be an authentic Christian? How in your life would you say that your authenticity is being revealed to the world around you and beyond you?

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

Missional living implies that we are aware of our surroundings and how the light of Christ is being demonstrated in our lives. It also requires shedding any suggestion of perfection or completion or wholeness outside of the gospel of Jesus Christ in us. When we let our guard down (in a perfectionist way) the world sees the reality of what Christ can do with a sinner's soul. What does the world see when you let your guard down?

## **Pray**

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**Undaunted by Discouragement**  
**2 Corinthians 12:11-21**  
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**Reading: Matthew 7:15-20**

### 1. A Man of His Word (vss. 11-13)

- Transparency leads to authenticity
- Fruit reveals authenticity
- Pragmatism prevents authenticity

2. Priority One: People (vss. 14-18)

- People are people
- We have & need each other
- Discipleship & relationships

3. The potential for reconciliation (vss. 19-21)

- The higher call to Christ
- The reality of our wrongs
- Unrepentant sin leads to mourning