



Lifegroup Questions 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

As you prepare for Lifegroup this week why not read Acts 18:1 - 20:3 to better understand Paul's heart for the church in Corinth and the circumstances surrounding his decisions in this weeks passage.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:12-14

- In what ways does Paul rely on God's grace (verse 12)
- What do you think Paul means when he says that he and the Corinthians will be able to "boast" of each other on the day of the Lord? (Verse 14)
- In 1 Corinthians Paul writes "Judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God." How can we have confidence that we will receive praise from God when we come face to face with Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:15-17

- Do you think the Corinthians were wrong to call into question Paul's integrity over changing his travel plans?
- The Corinthians were accusing Paul of being a different person when he wasn't with them, do you ever find yourself behaving differentially depending on where you are and who you are with?
- Dan shared the illustration of the Titanic which sank, not because 5 of more if it's 16 watertight compartments had been ruptured, but because the impact to one compartment had affected all of them. What is the spiritual truth behind this illustration?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

- What is the overall message of verses 18-20? Why do you think Paul felt it necessary to defend this message?
- John Stott writes "When Jesus is Lord of our beliefs, opinions, ambitions, standards, values and lifestyle, then we are integrated Christians. Then integrity marks our life. Only when he is Lord do we become whole" Which of the areas that John mentions do you find it most difficult to see Jesus as Lord.
- In what way is the Holy Spirit our deposit? (Verse 22)

Read 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4

- Looking at verses 23-24 in particular what do we learn about Paul's leadership style and his ultimate aim for the Church in Corinth?
- Later on in this letter Paul writes "Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while— yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance." (2 Corinthians 7:8-9a) and here he walks about writing out of "great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears". What do we learn about Paul's heart for the Corinthians from these verses?
- What do you think is the challenge to us in this section?