

Weak yet strong

Series on 2 Corinthians

Don't waste God's grace! (2 Corinthians 5:18-7:1)

Other Scriptures: 1Corinthians 15:9, 10; Acts 9:15-16; 2 Tim. 3:12; Deut. 22:10; Matthew 11:29-30.

1. Father God has entrusted Christians to be “ministers of reconciliation” (5:18). What does this mean and how do you feel about being given this responsibility?
2. Read 6:1. What does it mean to “receive God’s grace in vain”? What is the context of Paul telling them this? Is that something that Paul might have said to you?
3. Read 6:2. Are you a person who tends to procrastinate, or are you someone who grabs the opportunity?
4. Read Paul’s own testimony in 1 Corinthians 15:9-10. Walk through each phrase/sentence with your group and discuss why Paul says what he says, especially, what he meant by “his grace to me was not without effect.”
5. In which ways does God’s grace change everything for us?
6. Read 6:3. In which ways can the messenger get in the way of the message? Read 6:4-10. In which ways does Paul claim not to cause people to stumble? In which ways did Paul respond to the trials and suffering? How is this different from the ways of the world?
7. Read 6:14 in various versions. In which way does this verse link with what Paul has previously been talking about? Read Deut. 22:10. Why is God so concerned about oxen and donkeys? Why does Paul use is this OT verse here?
8. What application might 6:14 have today? What are the two extremes that Steve said we needed to guard ourselves against when it comes to interaction with unbelieving people?
9. Read Matthew 11:29-30. What is Jesus’ promise for those who are yoked to him?