



Lifegroup Questions 2 Corinthians 10:1-18

- Read Acts 26:9-11, What sort of a man was Paul? What happened to him? (Acts 26:12-18) Why would Jesus choose to use a man like this?
- Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-6, why do you think Paul begins this section of his letter with the humility and gentleness of Christ? (See Matthew 11:29) How do you normally respond when someone criticizes you?
- What do you make of Paul's advice to Timothy on this subject (2 Timothy 2:24-26). Why is it important not to fight fire with fire?
- What weapons is Paul referring to in verse 4?
- In his letter to the Ephesians Paul talks about the armour of God (Ephesians 6:13-17). Which of these pieces of armour do you think the Corinthians struggled with the most?

(Although not specifically mentioned here, Paul's armour of God can be found throughout this letter; the belt of truth - 2 Cor. 4:2, the breastplate of righteousness - 2 Cor. 5:21, the shoes of the gospel of peace - 2 Cor. 5:20, the shield of faith - 2 Cor. 3:4, the helmet of salvation 2 Cor. 6:1-2, the sword of the word - 2 Cor. 2:17)

- Why is it important to take captive our thoughts and make them obedient to Christ? (verse 5)
- Read 2 Corinthians 10:7-11, what point is Paul making in verse 7? (See 2 Corinthians 5:16)

(A description of Paul from The acts of Paul and Thecla; "A man little of stature, thin-haired upon the head, crooked in the legs, of good state of body, with eyebrows joining, and nose somewhat hooked, full of grace: for sometimes he appeared like a man, and sometimes he had the face of an angel")

- In what ways do we judge others based upon their appearance? What can we do about it?
- What do you make of Paul's comments in verse 8, taking into account all of the criticism he had received from the Corinthians?
- Read 2 Corinthians 10:12-18, who is Paul's measure of success in these verses? How do we measure our own success?
- In verse 17 Paul quotes the prophet Jeremiah (read Jeremiah 9:23-24), why might Paul have wanted to remind the Corinthians of these verses?