



Lifegroup Questions 2 Corinthians 11:1-33

Ice breaker: which names come to mind who are great in some of these areas – sports, business, politics, music, art, literature, science. What are the common characteristics that run through such a list of great people?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

- What does Paul mean by a 'Godly Jealousy'? How is this different from a 'Wordily Jealousy'?
- Do you find the marriage metaphor helpful in understanding the relationship the church has, as the bride of Christ, waiting for the Lord's return?
- Paul warns them about receiving false teachings concerning Jesus (verse 4) what false teachings have you encountered in the past?
- What marked the lives of the people Paul called false apostles or super-apostles? How was Paul different?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

- What is the "heartbeat" of Paul's boasting?
- How do you think the super-apostles might have felt when they heard Paul's letter read?
- What are some of the trials Paul has faced in these verses? What kind of tough life situations are most difficult for you to endure personally?
- What was Paul's attitude to his suffering (See Romans 5:3-5)?
- Why is perseverance an important quality for Christian leaders and also for all of us?
- On Sunday Fiona shared Max Lucado's illustration of the silversmith who continues to work on the metal until his face can be seen; "when will God stop with you? When he sees his reflection in you" Do you find this encouraging? Why/Why not?

Share and present difficult situations and pray for one another