

Trusting in God's Sufficiency

Assignment: Read 2 Corinthians 2:14 – 3:18

Outline:

I. A Triumphant Ministry (2 Corinthians 2:14-17)

As a Captive (2 Cor. 2:14a)

As a Saviour (2 Cor. 2:14b-17)

II. A Validated Ministry (2 Corinthians 3:1-5)

By the Corinthians' Lives (2 Cor. 3:1-3)

By Paul's Confidence (2 Cor. 3:4-5)

III. A Glorious Ministry (2 Corinthians 3:6-18)

More Glorious in Ministry (2 Cor. 3:6-11)

More Glorious in Effectiveness (2 Cor. 3:12-18)

Starter Questions

1. How did God speak to you through this passage?
2. What questions came to mind as you read this passage?
3. How is my life going to be different from reading this passage?

Potential Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel about the description of your life as a slave? Is this the way most Christians view their lives? Why or why not? What would change if all believers saw themselves as slaves whose lives were not their own to direct?
2. In what ways is the fragrance of the knowledge of God spread through your life? If the fragrance of your life could be bottled and dispensed, what would you name it?
3. How can a believer's life preach and teach the fragrance of Christ and the knowledge of God?
4. What do you think other believers should be able to see written in the lives of Christians? What should the unsaved be able to see in the life of a believer?
5. Why is the fruit (actions or results) of our lives the only genuine testimony of our faith (James 2:21-24)? Why aren't words of devotion and faith as meaningful as actions or lifestyle?
6. Why do people tend to rely on themselves or to think they can handle the "small" stuff without God? What are some examples of what people might consider "small stuff"? Why do we need God – even for the "small stuff"?
7. Why might it be difficult to witness to a Jewish person? How could you witness effectively to a Jew?
8. What hopes do you have in Christ? Why have you placed your trust in Christ?