

The Necessity of Rejoicing

Assignment: Read 2 Corinthians 7:5-16

Outline:

I. The Coming of Titus (2 Corinthians 7:5-7)

The Reunion (2 Cor. 7:5-6)

The Report (2 Cor. 7:7)

II. The Sorrow of the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 7:8-11)

The Nature of Their Sorrow (2 Cor. 7:8-9)

The Fruit of Their Sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10-11)

III. The Vindication of the Confidence (2 Corinthians 7:12-16)

Their Response to Paul's Letter (2 Cor. 7:12)

Their Reception of Titus (2 Cor. 7:13-16)

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?

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Potential Discussion Questions

1. Why are godly friendships important? How do you and your friends support and encourage each other? Why are burdens shared easier to bear?
2. Have you ever harbored ill feelings toward someone? Why? What godly remedy should you make toward that person?
3. What causes you to be fearful or apprehensive? How can you overcome those feelings and turn them into joy?
4. Why isn't sorrow the same thing as repentance? What would characterize genuine, godly sorrow and repentance in the life of a believer?
5. How can we tell when people are sorry they got caught and not for what they did wrong?
6. What benefits do you see in being disciplined? From whom should you accept correction? What is your usual attitude when confronted by someone about wrongdoing in your life?
7. How have others shown confidence in you? In your church? What can cause lack of confidence in a person or church?
8. Why do you think Paul and Titus both loved the people of the Corinthian church when they obviously had significant problems in their midst? What truths does that teach believers today? How can those truths be applied in your church? Toward other churches? Toward other believers?
9. What would make you have confidence in someone? Why is it important to express your confidence in other people?

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