LESSON 10 - 2 Corinthians 10



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 10:1-2

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 10:7-9

DAY 4 2 Corinthians 10:10-12

DAY 5 2 Corinthians 10:13-18

Teaching Notes

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One thing that impacted my	heart the most from this teach	ning was:

Day 1 Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth

Step 1 <u>Look in God's Word</u>- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline <u>a verse</u> that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 10:1-2

Step 2 <u>Learn the Lesson</u> - What does the verse mean?	Step 3 <u>Listen to His Voice</u> - What does the verse mean to me?
Step 4 <u>Cross Thoughts</u> - Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.	Step 5 <i>Live in Response</i> - How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme:		
Digging Deeper		
Commentary: This is an interesting portion of this letter. There is such a sudden change in tone and content that many critics believe chapters 10-13 are really the beginning of a third epistle. However, many scholars do not believe this is likely and Paul is merely changing gears again to address the slander of his critic who, British theologian, Adam Clarke states "has gained considerable influence by representing Paul as despicable in his person, his ministry, and his influence." ¹⁹		
Verse one is a very personal plea from Paul, himself, regarding accusations brought against him, and now addresses this issue and defends his apostleship.		
1. Paul finds it necessary to be firm in this portion of his letter but he does it all in what?		
2. Using a Bible dictionary or commentary define what being meek or meekness means:		
3. Using your concordance read and list at least 2 scriptures that use the word meek or meekness. Use the New King James version if possible.		
4. What was one thing Paul was being accused of in verse 1? (read other translations if you need for clarity)		

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives

Step 1 <u>Look in God's Word</u>- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline <u>a verse</u> that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 10: 3-6

Step 2 *Learn the Lesson*- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 *Listen to His Voice* - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 *Cross Thoughts*- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 *Live in Response*- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme:			
Digging Deeper			
Commentary: Paul reminds his readers that we all walk in the flesh, as long as we live we will all have the same struggles and temptations, but Paul wants to make it clear that we do not war according to the flesh. Satan and his demons do not rest. Their tactics against us have not changed and we have to be prepared at all times.			
1. What does Paul mean when he tells the Corinthians, "we do not war according to the flesh"?			
2. What does Ephesians 6:12 say?			
3. What are some of the weapons we use in our spiritual warfare? a. Ephesians 6:11-18			
b. Hebrews 4:12			
c. Romans 12:21			
d. 1 Peter 5:8			
4. What are we to do with our thoughts? (v5)			

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 10:7-9

Step 2 <i>Learn the Lesson</i> - What does the verse mean?	Step 3 <i>Listen to His Voice</i> - What does the verse mean to me?
Step 4 <u>Cross Thoughts</u> - Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.	Step 5 <i>Live in Response</i> - How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Commentary: Paul warned the Corinthian believers in his first letter to not judge people prematurely (1 Cor. 4:5) He reminds them that those who were opposing him were only looking at his outward appearance which made them weak and unimpressive. According to one of the early books of the Apocrypha, written about the year 200, Paul was not a physically impressive man. It says that he was "a man of small stature, with a bald head and crooked legs, in a good state of body, with eyebrows meeting and nose somewhat hooked. Not what people in our society today would consider 'Hollywood' material, but Wiersbe says that "The person who judges by appearance always lives to give a good appearance. Paul lived to please God and never tried to be a man-pleaser." ²⁰			
1.	What did Paul want the Corinthian believers to remember? (v7b)		
2.	Can you think of a time when you judged someone by outward appearances and discovered you were wrong?		
3.	Paul says the Lord gave him authority for what purpose? (v8)		
4.	Can you name an example of how you chose to please man instead of God?		

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 <u>Look in God's Word</u>- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline <u>a verse</u> that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 10:10-12

Step 2 *Learn the Lesson*- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 *Listen to His Voice* - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 *Cross Thoughts*- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 *Live in Response*- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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1.	What were Paul's critics saying about him? (v10)		
2.	How do you handle or deal with criticism against you or criticism about someone else within the church?		
3.	If we are not to compare ourselves to others, then by what standard are we to evaluate ourselves?		

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Step 1 <u>Look in God's Word</u>- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline <u>a verse</u> that stood out to you the most and complete the S.O.A.P method for your study today.

2 Corinthians 10:13-18

Step 2	<i>Learn the Lesson</i> - What does the verse
mean?	

Step 3 *Listen to His Voice* - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 *Cross Thoughts*- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 *Live in Response*- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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with race fan Parthe	mmentary: Paul did not boast about himself but loved to boast about what God had so clearly done thin the boundaries of the work He had given to him and his companions. It is is in the limits of the sphere is probably a reference to the lanes that were assigned to runners in a case. The Corinthian Christians would recognize this analogy because they loved races and Corinth held the nous Isthmian Games. Paul is saying, "I'm running in my own lane and not in someone else's." It is also hoped that the faith of the Christians in Corinth would grow so the boundaries of the work among them would be extended to other parts of the world. Think of the missionaries within your own church. It is reward the boundaries of the work started in their hearts were now being extended to oughout the world.
1.	Who was the first to bring the gospel to Corinth? (v14)
2.	Paul quotes Jeremiah 9:24, "The person who wishes to boast should boast only of what the Lord has done." Take this opportunity to write or boast about something the Lord has done for you.
3.	Explain what Paul means in verse 18.
4.	List and pray for the missionaries you know. Share these names with your group so they can be praying for the work of the Lord to continue to be extended.