

LESSON 2 - 2 Corinthians 2



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 2:1-4

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 2:5-10

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 2:11-13

DAY 4 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

DAY 5 2 Corinthians 2 Review

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

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 2:1-4

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: We learned last week why Paul chose, or determined, the reason he would not visit the Christians in Corinth again, and now he also expresses his affliction and anguish over the sin that had not only crept into the church but the acceptance or 'tolerance' of this sin by some of the believers in the church. Presently we see more of a shift in the definition and meaning of the word tolerance. Its original meaning was that you peacefully live with others who disagree with you and with whom you disagree. No one forced their views on anyone else. One was able to debate an issue or topic and not come to blows over it. Nowadays society tries to pressure us into acceptance and agreement of their lifestyle.

Where is this letter Paul mentions in verse 3? Some good scholars see the "sorrowful letter" as 1 Corinthians, but it is possible that he wrote another letter that has been lost.

1. Does your heart break over the things that break God's heart? How has our society and/or culture desensitized the church?
2. Why did Paul believe another visit to Corinth would not be good for him? (v3)
3. Why was Paul's previous letter so painful to write? (v4)
4. Have you ever had to write a painful letter or make a painful phone call? What was outcome, what would you do differently.

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.

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 2:5-10

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 here is displaying real pastoral wisdom and compassion. He is referring to a specific person among the Corinthians, but he does not name the man. I'm sure this man is happy his name was not recorded in God's eternal word!³

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5 and summarize the incident Paul is referring to in this portion of Scripture.
2. According to Paul when someone causes grief within the body who is affected? (v4)
3. What is the church (and each believer) to do when someone repents and why? (v6-7)
4. Using your Bible concordance find one verse about forgiveness and one about comfort and write them below.

Commentary: Forgiveness is sometimes very hard, and does not remove the memory of our past; however, comfort brings peace, belonging and the ability to put the past behind us. God forgave you and comforted you with open arms, grace and mercy. We, being His children, are to do the same.

5. List some ways we can reaffirm love to those prodigals who have returned to the Lord.

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 2:11-13

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?

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

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 2:14-17

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: In a Roman triumphal parade the general would display his treasures and captives in the midst of smoky incense burned to the Roman gods. To the victors the incense was an aroma of victory but to the captives it was the smell of slavery and death.

1. God leads us in what? When we allow Him to work through us what happens? (v14-15)

2. Explain verse 16 (Read the commentary above and use other commentaries or cross references if you need them.)

3. What do the following passages reveal to you?
 - a. Matthew 28:18-20

 - b. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

You are like a lit scented candle for the Lord in this world, at home or at work. You have the ability to burn brightly and bring light into the dark areas around you and also leave the fragrance of Jesus. To some that fragrance brings victory and hope, to others, those who are captives and slaves to sin, it forces them to make a decision- to live eternally with God or be eternally separated from Him.

Commentary: In verse 17 Paul is making reference to corrupt teachers throughout the region who would “peddling the word of God”, in other words they were not only seeking financial gain but they were watering down the gospel of Jesus Christ.

4. What do you learn from 2 Peter 2:1-3 about false teachers and some of those who hear them?

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

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 complete the S.O.A.P method for your study today.

Read chapter of 2 Corinthians 2***Digging Deeper***

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method. "S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

Scripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

Observation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

Application: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

Pray: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.