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

Teaching Notes

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One thing that impacted my	heart the most from this teach	hing 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 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:	29
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. None forced their views on anyone else. One was able to debate an issue or topic and not come to blows out. 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 <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 2:5-10

Step 2 <i>Learn the Lesson</i> - What does the verse mean?	Step 3 <u>Listen to His Voice</u> - What does the verse mean to me?
Step 4 <i>Cross Thoughts</i> - 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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pe	mmentary: Paul here is displaying real pastoral wisdom and compassion. He is referring to a specific rson among the Corinthians, but he does not name the man. I'm sure this man is happy his name was not corded 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.
ho	Example 1 Forgiveness is sometimes very hard, and does not remove the memory of our past; wever, comfort brings peace, belonging and the ability to put the past behind us. God forgave you and mforted 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 <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 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?

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Theme:
Digging Deeper
Commentary: In his first letter to the church in Corinth, Paul tested the believers to be obedient to the word of the Lord, and "remove the evil person from among you." (1 Cor. 5:13). The man's sin had been punished and he responded by repenting and returning to the Lord. Now Paul puts the believers to another test (v9). Commentary: There is danger when church leadership does not take disciplinary action when called for, and there is also danger when it does not practice forgiveness when truly sincere repentance has taken place.
1. How could Satan take advantage of situations like this?
 What must we do as believers so we are not ignorant of Satan's evil purposes? a. Ephesians 6:10-12
b. 1 Peter 5:7-9
Commentary: Titus was a Greek convert, and someone Paul trusted and cared about greatly. 2 Corinthians 8:17-19 tells us that Titus was one of the men responsible for collecting and delivering offerings to the church in Jerusalem. Paul left Ephesus and journeyed to Troas (Acts 20) with hopes of meeting Titus, however, Titus was not there; now Paul had a decision to make. His spirit was so troubled and heavy because he was so very concerned about the Corinthian church that he made the decision to cross over into Macedonia.
"Paul was interested in ministering where God was opening doors. The only way our work for God will be blessed is when it is directed service." 4
3. Why did Paul go to Troas this time and what did God do for him when he arrived? (v12)
4. What opportunities (open doors) has the Lord given you recently to proclaim the gospel?

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 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)
 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 <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.

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."