LESSON 4 - 2 Corinthians 4



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 4:1-4

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 4:8-12

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DAY 5 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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 4:1-4

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 <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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Dig	ging Deeper
crea wor aga	nmentary: The gospel is open and revealed to everyone whether by word of mouth or through God's ation (Romans 1:20), but there are those who continually refuse to believe; therefore, the god of this rld has blinded their eyes and minds (v4). Pray for them to be broken and their hearts softened once in towards the things of God. Continue to pray always, for only God knows how far a person is from enting and turning their life over to Him even in the last moments.
1.	According to Paul's comments, how were some teachers handling the Word of God?
2.	List some of the ways we see God's Word being 'miss-handled' today?
3.	What does 2 Timothy 2:15 tell us? Journal your comments or thoughts.

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 4:5-7

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 and his companions did not go from town to town promoting their greatness or accomplishments; no they preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Creator of light brings light into the hearts of those who sincerely seek and follow Him. The follower of Jesus Christ has the light of truth shining in his or her heart and they are compelled to share that truth when given the opportunity. Paul made it clear to the Corinthians that anything great that came from him was not of his own doing; but it was the excellent power of God working through him. The same holds true for us, we are given the power of the Holy Spirit of God to do great things for His glory alone not for our recognition.
1. What important point is Paul making in verse 5 regarding proclaiming the gospel to others?
2. What word does Paul use to describe himself and his companions in verse 5?
3. What is Paul's goal in his decision? Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-22.
4. What is the treasure Paul is speaking of in verse 7?

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 4:8-12

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	Step 5 <i>Live in Response</i> - How will I respond
verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.	and what will I do differently?

Theme:		
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1:2 lea Sta	20-25 ds do itemo	entary: "The Bible tells us there is a wisdom that is foolish and a foolishness that is wise (1 Cor. 5). There is a gain that is loss and a loss that is gain (Phil. 3:7-9). And there is an exalted way that ownward and a humble way that leads to exaltation (Phil. 2:5-11). ents like these seem to be contradictions, but they are actually paradoxes. A paradox is a statement name that is two truths, which at first glance seem to be incompatible." 9
1.	List	the paradoxes that Paul mentions in verses 8 and 9yet
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2.	Hov	w did Paul view the suffering he experienced?
3.	Wh	at kept him going? (later part of v10)
4.	Doe	es this help you view your 'sufferings' in life differently? Why or why not?

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 4:13-15

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: Faith, like the psalmist in Psalm 116, enabled Paul to continue preaching the gospel no matter what he faced or would face. Verse 14 begins with a word that shows us Paul had full confidence and assurance in God the Father who called him for this purpose; "knowing" God raised the Lord from the dead, God will also raise us up with Jesus. As we mature in our walk with Christ our level of faith also grows, as you go through difficult times, and we will according to John16; we will,however, experience the faithfulness of God in our lives and be assured of an eternal life with Him. (1 John 5)
1. Why was Paul so fearless? (v14)
2. What did Jesus promise you in John 16:33?
3. Write out Romans 8:11 and journal your thoughts
4. What was Paul's concern? (v15) Read other versions for clarity if needed.

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 write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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?

Theme:
Digging Deeper
Commentary: We will go through tough times but Paul says "we do not lose heart". Our hope in Jesus and His finished work on Cavary's cross is what keeps us going. Of course we get discouraged at times but we understand that these things are only light afflictions. It doesn't always feel like they are 'light' does it? but when we consider the outcome of previous afflictions we have a different perspective because, as Jon Courson puts it "We see that those light afflictions are doing some heavyweight work in us."
1. Read Romans 8:17-18 and share your thoughts.
2. What is faith according to Hebrews 11:1?
3. Why does Paul consider our afflictions light and not heavy?
4. What should we fix our gaze on according to verse 18 and why?

When you gave your life
to Jesus Christ,
He didn't renovate the old you
oh no! The old you is dead
You are a brand new creation in Christ
ALL things have become new.