LESSON 13 - 2 Corinthians 13



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 13:1-2

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 13:3-5

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 13:6-10

DAY 4 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

DAY 5 2 Corinthians 13 Review

Teaching Notes

Date:		
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 13:1-2

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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Dig	gging Deeper
pe lov an ha	mmentary: No one enjoys confrontations but Paul makes it perfectly clear that he will deal with the rson whose heart is unrepentant. He will not spare harsh words if needed or action if required. Paul yed these people too much to allow them to continue in their sin There is a process for church discipline d, be sure, Paul would exercise discipline where necessary. God loves you too and will deal with you if He is too because he loves you too much to let you stay in your sin. He does this so we can live as He tended- free, forgiven and transformed.
1.	Why do you think Paul had to be so stern with the believers in Corinth?
2.	Personal: Has anyone ever had to correct you regarding your walk in the Lord? were you thankful at the time?
3.	Who was Paul writing to specifically in verse 2?
4.	What was it he had told them before? Read 1 Corinthians 6:18

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 13:3-5

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 Cross Thoughts- 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:
Digging Deeper
Commentary: The believers in Corinth saw Paul as weak but he tells them that just as Jesus was thought to be weak when He was crucified He now lives by the power of God, "well", Paul says, "it is that same power you will see flowing through us when we return to Corinth." The Corinthians were so busy pointing fingers at Paul that they forgot to notice they had three fingers pointing back at themselves! Paul now challenges them to examine their own walk with the Lord. Do you really know Him personally or is your Christianity merely a religion and not a relationship? Every believer should have the assurance of salvation as mentioned in 1John 5:13, and know how to endure the attacks that come from Satan when he brings doubt and fear into your heart. At the same time, we also understand that there are some who assume or presume they are Christians when in reality they are not. It is a challenge to all of us to examine ourselves.
1. What are we to look for when we examine and test ourselves? (v5)
 How and what do we 'examine' in light of the following scriptures? Psalm 139:23
b. Psalm 26:2
c. Lamentations 3:40
d. Galatians 6:4
3. What does 1 John 5:13 tell you about the assurance of salvation?

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 13:6-10

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Digging Deeper
Commentary: Paul is basically saying "Look at how we have lived out our Christianity before you, you can see how Christ is truly in us. We are not disqualified as ministers of the Gospel, so please don't refuse our correctiondo what is right." Verses 8-9 he proclaims to them that even when he and his companions may have trials or weak moments they rejoice in knowing that they, the believers in Corinth, are strong. We rejoice with those who rejoice and who have been granted success in what God has called them to do. He prays for specific things to be accomplished in their lives, as we should for those believers around us now. Paul writes these things ahead of time, being absent, to give them the opportunity to repent and change otherwise he will have to be stern use sharpness with them, and he did not want to have to do that with them.
1. What specific things did Paul pray?
2. Why did Paul pray for a restoration in the Corinthian believers hearts?
3. What did Paul believe his authority was to be used for? (v10)

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

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

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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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Pa bo wa Jea So	mmentary: The evidence of a loving shepherd's heart is woven beautifully throughout this letter to the rinthian church. His desire was to see restoration and growing faith. ul's inclusion of a greeting from all the saints reminds us, that we are not individual churches, but one dy in Christ. That we are to be encouraging and praying for one another. No matter how much land or ter separates us physically here on earth we should have unity of heart and purpose among us, it is what us prayed for us in John 17. Expenditly speaking, the "saints" are the body of Christ, Christians, the church. All Christians are insidered saints. All Christian are saints—and at the same time are called to be saints. is is the only benediction found in the New Testament that embraces all three persons of the Triune God. What does Paul ask of the believers in his closing remarks?	ıt
2.	Who sent their regards? a. What does 1 Corinthians 1:2 say about saints?	
3.	In his closing benediction, what attributes of the Trinity does Paul list? (v14) a. God	

b. Jesus Christ

c. Holy Spirit

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Step 1 <u>Look in God's Word</u>- As you read, highlight or underline <u>a verse</u> that stood out to you the most. Read the passage from your own Bible and read the cross references that are cited as well.

Read 2 Corinthians 13

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."

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${f S}$ cripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?
O bservation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?
$oldsymbol{A}$ pplication: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?
${f P}$ rayer: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgivingwhatever the Spirit is leading you to do.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

WEBSITES

- 1. www.blueletterBible.org Very useful Bible study. Contains several Commentaries; Audio/Video (one of my favorite parts!); Images and Maps. Be sure to go to the Help/FAQs link for more information.
- 2. Another helpful website is www.Biblegateway.com

BOOKS

A good library is always helpful in studying God's Word. Books serve only to aid in understanding things like history or customs of the time; commentaries by great Pastors can shed light on some difficult passages.

As disciples of Jesus, we need to rely first and foremost on the Holy Spirit.

The following is a list of suggested books for your library, but not **required**.

- ❖ A good study Bible, The Open Bible, with a biblical Cyclopedic Index (is a good choice.)

 Note: Thomas Nelson Bibles will be releasing a Cyclopedic Index Book in June 2010.
- ❖ Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words
- Hard Sayings of the Bible- Kaiser, Davids, Bruce, Brauch- IVP Publishing
- Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- Nelson's Illustrated Bible Commentary
- ❖ The New- Manners and Customs of Bible Times (Gower; Moody Press)
- Any commentary by Chuck Smith, Jon Courson, Warren Wiersbe, J. Vernon McGee or your favorite pastor/ teacher.
- Webster's Dictionary

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