



The Light

2 Corinthians :1-6

1. Think back to a time that you received some really good news (a job offer, "it's a boy!", etc.). How did it feel to receive that news?
2. If you can recall, share the feelings you experienced when you first accepted Jesus' grace and forgiveness. Who brought that message into your life?
3. Paul says that they had this ministry of sharing Jesus through God's mercy. Do you think that this is true for every believer or just some? How does Matthew 28:18-20 speak to this?
4. What lessons do you see in verse 2 that we should keep in mind as we seek to tell the people about Jesus? What negative impact can we have if we go about this the wrong way? What does verse 5 say that gives us helpful guidelines for making sure we approach this with the right heart?
5. Verses 3-4 remind us that not everyone will receive and accept the good news of Jesus. What does it mean that the gospel is "veiled" to them? What kinds of things can blind someone to their need for Jesus? How can we overcome Satan when he is working to blind someone to Jesus?

6. In verse 6, Paul reminds us of God's power in creating the world ("let there be light"). How does Paul connect that to God's work of bringing Jesus into a person's life? How can this give us confidence and perseverance in our ministry of telling others about Jesus...especially when it gets tough?

7. To what degree are you living out your ministry from God to tell others about Jesus? Where are your greatest opportunities (work, neighbor, sports team, family, etc.)? Are there any open doors there (like Paul in Troas)? What can you do before our next meeting to help open that door or tell someone about Jesus?

Pray as a group that God would open doors around you in the coming week(s) and that you would have the awareness and courage to show the light of Jesus by your words and actions with at least one person.

Going deeper - study these passages to learn more about the work of the Holy Spirit...

Ephesians 6:1-10—Explore what this passage says about our spiritual battle and how we can battle Satan as we work to shine the light of Jesus to those around us.