

- 1) Pastor Tim has said that our purpose for this sermon series in 2 Corinthians is "that we would see our humanity through the lens of God's sovereignty". Describe a way that you have seen God's sovereign plan take a weakness in your life and use it to accomplish His plans.
- 2) How does Paul demonstrate His eternal perspective in 2 Corinthians 1:12-22? How would you describe the difference it makes in a person's life to operate with an eternal perspective?
- 3) In 2 Corinthians 1:12 Paul describes the way he has behaved, specifically towards the believers in Corinth. How is living in "simplicity and godly sincerity" opposed to "earthly wisdom"? Why is grace from God a necessary ingredient in behaving this way?

4) Read the following verses:

- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- 2 Corinthians 5:4-5
- Ephesians 1:13-14
- Ephesians 4:30
- Romans 8:16-17

Based on these passages, what is something the indwelling of the Holy Spirit provides for a follower of Jesus? How does this fit with the theme of finding comfort in the "God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1:3)?

5) Paul seems to anticipate reactions of disappointment, frustration, and even accusations from the Corinthian believers as he changed plans for visiting them. When making plans or promises with others, how can we help keep disappointment from growing into something destructive in our relationships when plans change? (Consider 2 Corinthians 1:12 and James 4:13-17)