

LifeGroup Questions October 24, 2021 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

1) What kinds of things can cause you to "lose heart" (2 Cor. 4:1) as you serve God?
What has Paul said so far in 2 Corinthians to keep us from losing heart?
2) What words or phrases from 2 Corinthians 4:2 connect with what Paul has already said in the first three chapters of 2 Corinthians?
3) Twice so far in 2 Corinthians Paul has referenced Satan being at work in our world (2 Corinthians 2:11 and 2 Corinthians 4:4 – "god of this world"). Read Colossians 2:15 and Revelation 12:7-12 Why do you think God has allowed Satan to scheme and deceive for a time on earth?
4) What is the significance of Paul emphasizing the lordship of Jesus in 2 Corinthians 4:5 when he says that he doesn't commend himself but instead he commends "Jesus Christ <i>as Lord</i> "?
5) 2 Corinthians 4:2 also seems to be a list of ways that the Gospel could be veiled unnecessarily from those who need to see God. Then Paul goes on to explain (in verses 3 and 4) other reasons a veil might remain to prevent someone from seeing the "glory of Christ". What are these other reasons Paul give for someone being blinded to the Gospel in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4?
How do you think these causes of spiritual blindness should impact the way we operate as ministers of the new covenant?