



LifeGroup Questions
March 27, 2022
2 Corinthians 12:11-21

1) Read 2 Corinthians 12:11 and 1 Timothy 1:15-16...

What do you think Paul meant when he said he was “nothing” (2 Cor. 12:11)?

Why would Paul say he’s “nothing” in the midst of also saying he is superior to the “super-apostles”?

2) Read Ephesians 4:11-16 and 2 Corinthians 12:19-21... Paul’s authority gave him a specific platform to lovingly and firmly speak the truth to the Corinthian believers, both in his writings and we assume during his visits.

How should followers of Jesus, within a local church community, have these kinds of serious conversations with one another?

How have you seen these serious conversations about sin create a good and “upbuilding” (2 Cor. 12:19) outcome?

3) Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20... Between what we’ve studied in 2 Corinthians and this passage from 1 Thessalonians, what do we learn about Paul’s perspective concerning his own ministry?

4) In his journal, missionary Jim Elliot wrote, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” A few years later, Jim and four other missionaries were killed by Auca Indians in Ecuador.

What is Jim referring to as “what he cannot keep”?

What do you think he’s referring to as “what he cannot lose”?

As a parent, a spouse, a sibling, a co-worker, a neighbor, a citizen, a child, etc., how can you give what you cannot keep in order to gain what you cannot lose?