

**Gospel Partners**  
***A Pastor's Divine Jealousy***  
***2 Corinthians 11***

**TALK IT OVER**

**Parallel Scripture**

**3** But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

*1 Corinthians 3:1-9 ESV*

**Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)**

- What is something that you've found yourself being jealous of?
- Is there ever a time where jealousy is appropriate?

**Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- Was there any one thing that you most agreed with or disagreed with from last weekend's message? What was it and why?
- Read 2 Corinthians 11. What is Paul jealous for? Does he have a right to be jealous or not?
- Paul is responding to so-called "super-apostles" who are proclaiming "another Jesus." What is the danger of accepting teachings regarding Jesus without reflection?

**Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- What are some things you will boast about? What should we boast about?
- Do you feel like Paul is just trying to defend himself or trying to make a bigger point? If so, what is his point?
- Does God ever get jealous? If so, of what?

**Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)**

- When you are tempted to lift yourself up, how can you give that glory to God?
- Pray for our pastors that they will do their best to lead with humble hearts.

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)**

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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