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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ

2 CORINTHIANS 2:12 – 17

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When Paul reminded the Corinthians that they were the fragrance of Christ, he was probably referring to Roman victory parades as an illustration. During these parades the Romans would make sure everyone knew they had been victorious by burning incense on altars throughout the city. The Roman general would display his treasures and captives amidst a cloud of incense burned for the gods. To the victors, the aroma was sweet; to the captives it was the smell of slavery or death. As believers, we are victorious in Christ! And whenever the Gospel is preached, it is a pleasing fragrance to God.

SHARE

As believers, what fragrance do we carry when we walk into a room? When we walk with God, people will notice. The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we become like Him. Spending time with Jesus will help us spread a pleasing fragrance to those around us. What does carrying the fragrance of Christ currently look like in your own context – school, work or family? What should it look like?

2

We read that Paul was not prepared to enter the open door that God had provided because he had not found Titus. Titus is mentioned several times in 2 Corinthians. Titus was a faithful servant of the Lord and a dedicated aide to Paul. Paul must have found him trustworthy and dependable, because Paul appointed him to lead works in Corinth. Paul calls him “my partner and fellow worker” (2 Cor 8:23). Knowing the challenging situations in Corinth, we can infer that Titus was an insightful man who could handle problems with grace. 2 Cor 8:16-17 tells us that Titus went back to Corinth with “much enthusiasm and on his own initiative”, showing his God-given love for the Corinthians. He was committed to the truth, fervent in spreading the Gospel, and loved the church enthusiastically. These qualities show us Titus’ way of carrying the fragrance of Christ to the places God had called him to.

SHARE

Looking at the life of Titus, pick 1 quality he exemplified that you would like to cultivate in your life as a practical way of carrying the fragrance of Christ where God has called you to. Commit to model this quality and be accountable to each other in this journey.

Ask the Lord to shape
your thoughts and actions
so that people will know
you have been with Him.
Pray that we will have the
same zeal for the Lord
that Titus showed.

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