

POWER IN WEAKNESS: Spiritual Blindness: From Darkness to Light
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FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live and share Him.

November Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:4 For he was crucified in weakness but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

Introduction: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Big Idea: Every believer is a stake holder in the greatest _____ on planet earth-THE GOSPEL.

I. God has shown us _____ in giving us this ministry of gospel proclamation (1-2)

- Paul lived daily aware of God's mercy upon him
 - "One of ministry's great risks is to _____ of _____. Two things will ground the heart: God's mercy and the surpassing glory of gospel ministry." (Charles Spurgeon)
- _____ feeds a humble, authentic life

II. We are in a fight against God's arch enemy who _____ the gospel (3-4)

- Paul preached a simple gospel
- Satan veils the gospel (He spiritually blinds people to reality)
- Spiritually blind people:
 - Spiritually blind people do not perceive their present condition
 - Spiritually blind people are oblivious to their future _____ and destination
 - Spiritual blindness is an essential front in the war against God
 - Spiritually blind people are targeted by _____
 - Spiritually blind people are obstructed in their ability to think, reason, process reality
 - Spiritually blind people find God & the Bible senseless and a waste of energy (1 Corinthians 1:18)

III. The gospel is all about Jesus Christ the Lord and the difference he brings to our lives (5-6)

- Jesus Christ as Lord = gospel
- Treasuring Jesus is how the gospel affects the human life

Life Lessons:

#1-Spiritual blindness affects every person.

#2-God alone can take away the blindness and then create eyes to see Christ for who He is.

#3-God uses couriers of the word to open the eyes of the spiritually blind.



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

(A guide to be used to grow as a disciple of Jesus by yourself, as a family or small groups)

WARM UP: What kinds of things make it difficult to keep going as a Christian?

When was the last time you thanked God for his kindness to you in setting up your life the way it is just now? Spend some time doing that now.

Despite many difficulties and obstacles, Paul refuses to lose heart. Instead of giving in to discouragement, what did he do? (See 2 Corinthians 4:1, 16)

In a world that is obsessed with “images,” it is always tempting to pretend, always tough to be authentic. Why is absolute honesty essential for those who serve God?

What difference does the fact that we are “in a fight” make?

How we think

How we pray

How we do evangelism

How we approach issues in our church

What are some of the ways the devil blinds people to God’s truth? (Discuss the points listed in the sermon notes)

Discuss this phrase “**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**” by looking up the verses below

Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3 ; John 1:18; John 14:9 (

CLOSING PRAYER: Think of someone who is spiritually blinded and pray for them.