

II CORINTHIANS



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READ

Read 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- What does this passage reveal about the nature of godly love?
- What is Paul's point in verses 14-18?
- Paul has written much to defend his ministry throughout 2 Corinthians. How does his statement in verse 19 alter our perceptions of his defense and reveal his true purpose?
- In what way does Paul's life serve as a model to the Corinthians?
- Paul recounts his fear in verses 20-21 that some in Corinth will still be unrepentant when he visits them. How does Paul's fear demonstrate the severity of unrepentant sin?

APPLY

- How does this passage challenge us to love one another in community? What do we do when love is messy and challenging?
- What does this passage (and the rest of the letter) teach us about the importance and practice of restoring broken relationships?
- How can we become increasingly unselfish people who "will most gladly spend and be spent" for the souls of others? How can this start within our community?
- Many in Corinth had an ungodly tolerance for sin that required godly discipline. What are some of the ways we can become tolerant of sin, and how can we fight against this?

PRAY

- Take a few moments in the silence, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin in your life you need to repent of. After sufficient time, have a group member pray on behalf of the group, asking God to forgive us for the many ways we fall short of his standard of holiness.
- Share prayer requests with one another. Pray for these requests, and especially pray for unity among your community and the church as a whole.

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