

CENTERGROVE CHURCH

Scriptures for further study

2 Timothy 2:20-21 | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 | Isaiah 55:8-9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

1. We learned last week that all humans see life through some kind of lens, some kind of ideology and value system that gives us purpose and make sense of our world. What lenses did you have on this past week? Gospel lenses? Political lenses? Money lenses? Pleasure or comfort lenses? In what areas of your life is God calling you to put His lenses back on so you can have God's perspective on life and eternity?
2. Living life with Jesus allows us to view this life differently. Verse 8 tells us that we can be afflicted and not crushed. When in your life have you been afflicted (pressured by something outside) and seen God rescue you? We can also be perplexed (at a loss), yet not be desperate. Are there things that you are perplexed about in our world today? What do you know about the character of God that keeps you from being desperate?
3. This passage teaches that the presence of Jesus in our lives changes the way we live life and the way we face death. Who do you know that needs the encouragement that this passage gives us? If they are a follower of Jesus, how can you remind them of these truths? If they are not a follower of Jesus, what steps can you take this week to help them understand the "treasure of the gospel"?
4. Read 2 Timothy 2:20-21. Discuss or think through the relationship between "vessels" (jars of clay in our study passage for today), sin and the Gospel (treasure from our study passage today).
5. What else stood out to you this week as you watched the sermon and reviewed this passage?