

(How to Spot a Genuine Disciple in the Church;— 2 Corinthians 12:1-10)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- What should our testimony of God at work in our lives sound like?
- How can you share your testimony to others in your life?
 Why are testimonies an effective tool for ministry?
- Why do you think God withheld removing the thorn from Paul's flesh? What purposes do trials serve in our lives? How do trials prove a genuine leader?
- What makes Christian leadership distinct from secular/ business/worldly leadership? What does it mean for Paul to say, "My power is made perfect in weakness"?
- Is there anything that particularly stood out to you from the sermon?

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FAMILY QUESTIONS

 What is a testimony? What is your testimony and how can you share it with others?

 How do we persevere through trials? Why can we trust God when we go through hard times?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform—EMT/Paramedic
- · Steve & Laura Blevins, Cru Georgia
- Jim Spranger, Elder
- Michael Hansen, Associate Pastor of Student & Young Adult Ministries
- Senior High Students, Leaders & SWAT
- Appleton Community Evangelical, Appleton
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2–4)

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:8-10(ESV)