

(The Motivation for Ministry— 2 Corinthians 12:11-21)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- Why does Paul clearly articulate he is not taking a position of defensiveness? How does defensiveness affect our relationships with others?
- What motivates Paul in his ministry towards them? What is the significance of the phrase “in the sight of God.”
- What does it mean to come to someone with words or deeds “in the sight of God”? How might that help us stay on the mission and calling God has given us?
- What can we learn about what Paul shares of the general nature of parent child relationships? How does that apply to families, ministry, and relationships with church leaders?
- Why do we need to continue to build each other up to avoid the temptations and desires of the flesh?
- How can we continue to grow in Christlikeness and sinless and encourage others to do the same?
- Is there anything that particularly stood out to you from the sermon?



FAMILY QUESTIONS

- What motivates you to follow God and serve him?
- How can we practically build others up with God's love?
- How can we practically encourage people towards sinless lives ?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform—Army
- Dan & Rene Brygger, Cru-Prison Ministries
- Jeff Swanstrom, Elder
- Paul Nystedt, Associate Pastor of Care Ministries
- Young Married ECC & Lifestage
- Calvary Baptist Church, Kaukauna
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2-4)

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

“So I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well. If I love you more, will you love me less?” **2 Corinthians 12:15 (ESV)**