



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of January 19, 2019

Sermon: "Working Together With Jesus"

Text: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

SUMMARY

God appeals and commissions us to work with Jesus in gospel ministry; by his authority, God commends and empowers us to reflect Jesus's character; and by his love, he commands us to love each other with the love of Jesus.

FOR FAMILIES

What kinds of jobs do you parents give you to do around the house? Based on our passage, what job does Jesus give his followers?

Sometimes when you are trying to do a job with Jesus, obstacles get in the way. What sins are you prone to that put an obstacle in your working for and with Jesus?

Our text teaches that our actions often reveal the state of our hearts. Have you ever something for Jesus with a bad attitude? Why is our attitude so important, and not just our obedience?

Discuss how obeying Jesus also means loving one another with "wide open hearts". How can you develop a greater love for your family and your church family?

FOR GROUPS

What does it mean that "today is the day of salvation?" In what ways have you lost the sense of urgency inherent in the gospel message?

What are some "obstacles" that you put in the way of the gospel as you work as an ambassador of Christ with others, yourself, etc.?

What does it mean to have "no fault" in our ministry? What do you turn to when you fail to accurately represent Christ?

Why is it important that our character supports and condemns the gospel message?

What does it mean in your life to be "sorrowful yet always rejoicing" or some of the other paradoxes in verses 8-10? How does this point to the "paradox of weakness" that lies at the center of 2 Corinthians?

What are some ways that you are "restricted in your affections" for others in the body of Christ? How can you widen your heart in love for the unity of the church?