

## 2 Corinthians 11-12

### Recap Sunday's sermon (any questions?)

#### Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

1. What criticisms were being made about the apostle in versus 6, 7, and 8? (See also 10:1 & 7)
2. What does he say the "super apostles" really are? What is their motivation and intention? (vv.13-14)
3. What will become of them in the end? (v15)
4. How do we Spotify's teacher, according to the apostle? How can we spot them in our world, and how can we resist their pull?

#### Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

5. What has the life of the apostle been like? List the physical dangers he has been in.
6. What are the greater burdens he bears? (vv.28-29) Why are these more difficult than the physical danger he has been in?

7. What would the apostle much rather boast about and why? (v30) What who is the big principal here that he wants them (& us) to understand?
8. What do you think success is as a Christian? How will you need to think differently about that now?

#### Read 2 Corinthians 12

9. What does the apostle start to "boast" about his spiritual experience in vv.1-4?
10. Why did God give the apostle a "thorn in the flesh"? And why did God not take it away from him when he asked?
11. How does the apostle summarise his views on strength, weakness and his suffering in the service of the gospel?
12. Do the apostles experiences teach us about the highs and lows of our lives as Christians?
13. What is so hard to embrace - let alone boast about - our weakness? What will bring us to the point that Paul reaches in verse 10?

**PRAY**