

2 Corinthians 7

Recap Sunday's sermon (any questions?)

The apostle has already shown us how we must pursue gospel integrity. He now moves on to speaking directly to the Corinthians about their relationship problems. In doing so he shows how we should all try to relate to one another as we seek to serve the Lord together.

Read 2 Corinthians 7:1-11

1. What do you think it means to make room for someone in your heart? (v2)
2. Why has Paul been pushed out of their hearts?
3. How is it possible for a damaged relationship to be restored? (v4, 8, 9-10)
4. What is the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow? (v10) Where does each lead?
5. What happens when repentance is real? (v10-11)
6. Why do we struggle to say hard things to people, even to people we love? Why should we still do it?

7. Why do we settle for shallow apologies rather than the tears and joys of godly sorrow that brings repentance?
8. Do you have a relationship in church that is damaged and needs restoring? What will be the first step for you to take?

Read 2 Corinthians 7:12-16

9. Who has benefited from the sending of the letter mentioned here? And how have they benefited?
10. The apostle talks of his pride in the Corinthians (v4) and he's boasting about them. What does he boast in?
11. The apostle has had to say some hard things to the Corinthians. Apart from being an apostle, Watt gave him the right to say these things?
12. From what we have read here, what is the right response to legitimate correction? How can we be ready to accept legitimate correction?

PRAY