

2. List the important Christian doctrines taught in the key passages of 1 Co 15:55-58. What does this summary section mean for your life and the mission of every believer?

3. Review what 1 Corinthians 16 teaches us about church fellowship practices. List the various commands and examples given and discuss how they apply to churches and believers today. How do you see this being done in the WELS?

4. According to 2 Corinthians 1:8,9, what is one reason that God allows severe trials? How have you seen this in your life or in the life of other Christians?

Consider what happened when Paul asked God to take away a tormenting ailment (2 Co 12). How, over centuries of time, have the words of the Lord's response helped suffering Christians?

5. Gospel ministry is glorious! Describe some of the glorious contrasts found in gospel ministry from 2 Corinthians:

Ch 1 Changing Plans / Unchanging Comfort

Ch 2 - 3 Old Covenant / New Covenant

Ch 4 - 5 Fragile Bodies / Powerful Treasure

Ch 6 - 7 Pain / Joy

Ch 8 - 9 Reluctant / Generous Giving

Ch 10 - 11:15 False / True Apostles

Ch 11:16 - 13 Warnings / Encouragements

6. Consider the context and put the following contrasting expressions into your own words. What do they mean?

“To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.” 2 Co 2:16

“He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” 2 Co 5:15

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Co 5:21

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.” 2 Co 7:10

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” 2 Co 8:9

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” ... For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Co 12:9,10b

Key passages in 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 5:17-21; 8:9; 9:7; 13:14

7. Identify the various lessons about “faith alone” which Paul draws from the following in Galatians 1-4:

Gal 1 How Paul was called to faith and called to preach.

Gal 2 How Paul confronted Peter

Gal 3 How God gave Abraham a promise

Gal 4 The difference between Hagar’s and Sarah’s Sons

Key Galatians Passages: Galatians 2:20; 3:10; 3:13; 3:26-28; 4:4-5



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CHALLENGE

We'll begin with time for sharing questions and comments on the reading section.

1. Review 1 Co 11:3-16 and 14:26-40. Someone says, "Paul was only talking about Christian customs in the ancient culture of the Roman Empire. They no longer apply today." How do you respond? (see also 1 Tim 2:8-15)