

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, November 24th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

Being the week of Thanksgiving, what are some things that you can thank the Lord for?

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #142 – *There is a Fountain.*

Together in the Word:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 10:7–18. Why is Paul defending himself? _____

2. What is an Apostle? What was the authority given to the Apostles? _____

3. How was the authority given to the Apostles different than the authority given to church elders? _____

4. Paul had difficulty leading and shepherding the church of Corinth in part because the church was made up of difficult sheep. What are a few characteristics of sheep who are a blessing to their spiritual authorities? _____

5. In v. 11 Paul explains that there was no discrepancy or contradiction between what he was in his letters and what he was in person. Why is integrity so crucial in church leadership? _____

6. Considering verse 12, why do we as Christians often have a sinful tendency to compare ourselves with others? _____

7. What can we learn in vv. 13–17 regarding how we should battle this sinful tendency in our flesh? _____

LIVING FOR ULTIMATE APPROVAL

2 Corinthians 10:7-18

Series #30

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“Living for Ultimate Approval.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Have you ever had someone attack you repeatedly with non-stop accusations against your character?
2. In the first 9 chapters of 2 Corinthians, Paul explained his ministry and defended what?
3. Who is Paul addressing in chapters 10-13?
4. The group of detractors almost certainly was composed of what group?
5. The detractors took issue with Paul teaching about us being under what?
6. The detractors claimed to be what?
7. What kind of letters did the group of detractors show up with in the city of Corinth?
8. Did the whole church in Corinth turn against Paul?
9. One way to understand verse 7 is that the Corinthians were drawing their conclusions about Paul based upon what?
10. If verse 7 is an imperative, then Paul was exhorting the Corinthians to look at what?

11. The Corinthians needed to look at the facts (about Paul) because the facts do what?
12. In the final chapters Paul used a Greek word that is translated what?
13. The authority the Lord gave Paul was for the purpose of doing what?
14. No spiritual leader who is what the Lord wants him to be, wants to be talking about what?
15. The reason Paul had to write such firm and confrontational letters was because the Corinthians were what?
16. The adversarial Corinthians said Paul was meek and gentle when he was present with them in person but he was what in his letters?
17. Paul didn't assert what with the Corinthians?
18. Paul doesn't command them or admonish them or exhort them; he does what?
19. Paul begs the Corinthians to not put him in a position of having to be what?
20. Why does Paul use the word "some" in verse 2?
21. In verse 11, Paul says he is not what?
22. Paul didn't want to get drawn into some kind of what?
23. If you are a spiritual leader, you are not in competition with whom?
24. Paul never did what, in relation to himself?
25. What is the only thing Paul boasted about?
26. In verse 14, Paul is saying that he wasn't presumptuous and he didn't go beyond what?
27. Was there any truth to the accusation that Paul went beyond the limits of his ministry?
28. Paul hoped that the Corinthians would get behind him to support him in doing what?
29. When Paul said he wanted to preach the gospel to regions beyond, he was referring to where?
30. Paul had no interest in doing what?
31. Verse 17 is a partial quote of what Old Testament passage?
32. What verses give us the theme of Paul's life?
33. Whose commendation is what should matter to us?
34. Our perspective of ourselves is not always what?
35. Are you living for the ultimate approval from the Lord?