

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, February 17th

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

Prayer and Praise:

Spend some time praying for our church's missionaries (Outreach Partners) and their gospel ministries in your opening/closing prayer time.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #216 – *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.

Together in the Word:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-14. What was the result of the trouble or affliction that came upon Paul and Timothy in Asia? Can you recall difficult situations in life that the Lord has used to force you to trust Him more? _____

2. No matter the situation we face, how can the believer boldly say, "He will deliver us!"? (See also Daniel 3:13-17, Phil 1:19) _____

3. What can we learn about prayer from verse 11? _____

4. How should we understand prayer in light of the doctrine of the sovereignty of God? _____

5. Consider your last week, could you say with Paul, "In holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, [I] have conducted [myself] in the world"? _____

6. If "the day of our Lord" (v.14) came tomorrow, who would you boast in? Why will we boast in the faith of others on "the day of the Lord"? _____

DESPAIRING EVEN OF LIFE

2 Corinthians 1:8-14

Series #4

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Despairing Even of Life."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What was Job's most painful suffering?
2. Spiritually, what are the two ways in which Job was suffering?
3. What could Job not see in what he was experiencing?
4. Many people around Job were assuming that there had to be what in Job's life?
5. Job's friends questioned his what?
6. What letter of Paul's is the most emotional?
7. Who had the ears of the Corinthian believers and were confusing them spiritually?
8. Paul loved the people of God and it grieved him because they weren't what?
9. The carnally minded, misleading spiritual leaders were turning the Corinthians where?
10. The Asia Paul refers to is what modern day country?

11. Paul was burdened overwhelmingly, pushed beyond his strength, and he was at the point of not even wanting what?
12. Can you relate to Paul?
13. Why does God allow things like what happened to Paul, to happen in a godly man's life or in our lives?
14. When you go through suffering, do you turn to a substance to numb yourself or escape, so as to try to cope with life?
15. If God has the power to raise the dead, then He certainly has the power to do what for us?
16. Paul found great comfort in the fact that he knew that no one could do what to him?
17. What famous story is recorded in Daniel 3?
18. The 3 Hebrew young men who were thrown in the fiery furnace did believe that God would do what?
19. In Philippians 1:19, we see that Paul believed that his current distress was what?
20. In Philippians 1:19, Paul drew a parallel between his situation and whose?
21. What kind of conscience did Paul have?
22. Even though Paul had confidence in the sovereignty of God, it didn't mean that he discounted what?
23. Paul saw God's sovereignty and human effort as what?
24. What Paul was experiencing was difficult for him physically, and also, it was difficult for him in what other ways?
25. How does Paul counter the questioning of his integrity and character?
26. In verse 13, Paul is stressing the fact that he is being what?
27. What kinds of things can run wild in churches?
28. Some in the church in Corinth were assuming things about Paul that were what?
29. Paul tried to appeal to the Corinthian believers with what kind of motivation (verse 14)?
30. It is very uncomfortable to try to mend things when others have come to the point of not trusting you because of what?
31. Have you ever been there?
32. We should not trust in ourselves, but in God who does what?