

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, May 19th

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

Prayer and Praise:

As a group, discuss how you could encourage one-another to be more faithful in our responsibility to evangelize.

Spend some time praying by name for unbelieving coworkers and neighbors

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

Together in the Word:

1. When you read Scripture, how do you personally ensure that you are being faithful to “rightly divide the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15)? _____

2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6. What are the four descriptions of ministry found in verse 2? How are these things related? _____

3. According to this passage, why can't we talk people into believing in Christ? _____

4. If we can't convince people to believe in Christ, why share the gospel at all? _____

5. In this passage, why do you believe Paul compares the proclaiming of the gospel to shining light? _____

6. In his sermon, Pastor Bryan said this, “All we can do is be faithful to present the message and call on God to shine His light.” How could you grow in your faithfulness to proclaim the gospel to people you know and people you don't know? _____

WE DO NOT PREACH OURSELVES

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Series #12

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“We Do Not Preach Ourselves.”** 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. Paul told Timothy to do what with the word of truth?
2. Why did Paul write 2nd Corinthians?
3. What were some of the accusations/attacks that Paul's detractors were making against him?
4. In which chapters did Paul defend himself against the accusation that he was fickle, untrustworthy, and unreliable?
5. In chapter 3, Paul begins to defend his message about believers today being under what?
6. Paul's job description was to proclaim and teach what?
7. Paul mentions that his ministry was by God's mercy because of what reason?
8. Did Paul ever get discouraged?

9. Paul never allowed his discouragement to cause him to what?
10. Paul got discouraged at times but he never did what?
11. The phrase, “we have renounced the hidden things of shame” refers to what?
12. Some clergy have perfected the art of what?
13. Paul was straightforward in the way he lived his life and in the way he did what?
14. If you are misinterpreting or misusing God’s word, then you don’t really have a what?
15. Can all preachers and clergy and spiritual leaders say what Paul said in his defense about how he handled God’s Word?
16. Because Paul was straightforward in the way he lived and in the way he presented God’s Word, it resulted in what?
17. Paul was conscious of what fact concerning Paul himself?
18. What is the reason why so many people don’t understand and appreciate the word of God?
19. When Paul uses the phrase “natural man,” he is describing the person who is what?
20. How does the natural man view God’s glorious, yet simple, truth?
21. Can unsaved people have a certain level of understanding of Bible truth?
22. The gospel is veiled to whom?
23. Verse 4 is an obvious reference to whom?
24. According to verse 4, what does Satan do with unbelievers’ minds?
25. The very fact that we pray for people’s salvation is an indication that we recognize our own inability to do what?
26. What are some ways that Satan blinds people to the gospel?
27. Why does Paul say, “For we do not preach ourselves”?
28. How does Expository Preaching protect the preacher?
29. The task of the preachers is to do what?
30. It is a miracle when God does what?
31. Salvation takes place when the Lord does what?
32. Our natural reaction when we are exposed to the Light is to reject the light and run from the light, because of what?
33. Our responsibility is to do what? What is not our responsibility?