

2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-3:18 - PROVE YOURSELF / NOV. 23

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

The sermon this week covers **2 Corinthians 2:14–3:18**. To begin our discussion, we will read **3:1–18** together. After reading, spend 60 seconds in silent listening prayer. What applications or thoughts about the text came into your mind? Might those be from the Spirit? Close with a prayer to God for wisdom to apply these truths.

Sermon Recap (to *apply*, not rehash the sermon)

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "The reason imposter syndrome hits so hard is because deep down, we're all running the exact same race: the race to prove we belong."
- "Paul's whole point is this: The Christian life was never meant to run on your own power. Everything God calls you to ... he supplies you for."
- "You might be able to create 'glory' for a little while, but if it was mustered by your own strength, it's a glory that will fade."
- "Transformation doesn't just come from trying harder ... it comes from looking longer. ... What you behold, you eventually become."

Group Discussion

1. Where do you feel the pressure to prove yourself right now, and how does that inner voice compare with what this passage says about sufficiency?
2. In 2 Corinthians 3, what differences do you see between the old covenant and the new, especially around pressure, power, and where change comes from?
3. Paul says our sufficiency is from God, not ourselves. How would your week look different if you believed God makes you sufficient for what he wants you to do?
4. Where are you tempted to chase a fading glory (approval, success, image), instead of the permanent glory of the Spirit? How have you seen glories fade before?
5. Paul says we are transformed by beholding the Lord's glory. Practically, what helps you fix your gaze on Jesus during the week, not just on Sundays?

SCRIPTURE

- ☐ "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33 (ESV)

PRAYER

- ☐ Ask God to write his law upon our hearts by his Spirit, empowering us to obedience through his strength rather than our own willpower.
- ☐ Ask the Holy Spirit to transform us into the image of Christ from one degree of glory to another as we fix our gaze upon his finished work.