

DO YOU CARE? - 2 CORINTHIANS 1:12 - 2:13 / NOV. 2

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read & Pray

The sermon passage spans 2 Corinthians 1:12–2:13. Read **1:12–2:4**, which captures some key themes. 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 kind of care Paul is showing here doesn’t just address people’s felt needs but links to their real need by pointing them to Jesus.”
- “People will not let us care for them, and ... minister to them if they don’t trust us. The biggest deterrent to trust is questionable character.”
- “We live in a society steeped in radical individualism, where the needs of the individual become greater than the group.”
- “And while Jesus will correct and challenge us, it is never punitive, but for the sake of restoring us back to intimate fellowship with him.”

Group Discussion

1. What in this passage reveals Paul’s heart for Corinth? Which words or images helped you feel his care, and why?
2. Paul links care with integrity (1:12). Where has questionable character limited someone’s influence with you, or yours with others? And how might repentance rebuild trust?
3. Where does individualism hinder us from caring for one another as **family members** in Christ? What simple rhythms could grow family connection in our group this month?
4. Read 2:5–8,11. How can we practice restorative correction that resists harshness and passivity? What do forgiveness, comfort, and reaffirmed love look like practically in our lives?
5. Paul’s care was inconvenient, even for people who hurt him. What keeps us from caring for those we find “hard to love”?

DIG DEEPER

- ☐ Read Galatians 6. How does this chapter reinforce the sermon’s points about how “caring is correcting” and the need to bear one another’s burdens as a “family”?

PRAYER

- Pray that God would give us hearts of
- ☐ “simplicity and godly sincerity”(1:12) so our care for others is built on a foundation of trust.
 - ☐ Ask God to break down the walls of individualism in our church, enabling him to bind us together as a connected family.