

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 6 -November 12, 2022

Strength in Weakness

Paid in Full

2 Corinthians 11:7-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Project Greatest Gift sign ups are underway. Sign up in the foyer.
- 2) Mother - Daughter Tea December 3. Sign up in the foyer.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Have you ever bought something that was deficient based on false information given to you by a salesman? What was the result?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS:

Our salvation is a free gift because Jesus paid the costly price, to transform us from slaves of sin to servants of righteousness.

DIGGING DEEPER

Our salvation is a free gift...

1. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:7.** In this verse, Paul addresses another concern the church in Corinth had expressed. What was that concern? Why was this a concern for them?
 - a. The good news of the Gospel is that it is free. This may be a stumbling block for some people. What causes people to devalue something given freely to them?
 - b. Discussion questions: Was Paul's preaching free? Is salvation free? If not, what price was paid and by whom?
 - c. Many people believe that salvation must come with a price i.e works, how would you address someone who had this belief?
 - d. **Read James 2:18.** Does this passage conflict with the idea that salvation is a free gift? Why or why not?

because Jesus paid the costly price,

2. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:8-11.** In verse 8, Paul says he "robbed" other churches. Why would he use such an exaggerated statement to describe his actions?
 - a. What was Paul's purpose in accepting money from other churches but not from the Corinthians?

- b. The Corinthians accused Paul of not loving them because he would not accept their money. How does Paul respond to this accusation? Is this an adequate response? Why or why not?
- c. Why and how has God made the gift of salvation free for us? How can we honor Him for his grace towards us?

to transform us from slaves of sin to servants of righteousness.

- 3. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:12-15.** Paul now begins to discuss the other men who he previously described as “super-apostles” (see 2 Corinthians 11:5). Why did the Corinthian church seemingly exalt these men above Paul? How does Paul describe these men?
 - a. Paul says in verse 15 that these men “disguise themselves as servants of righteousness”. What does he say their end will be? How can we avoid this risk?
 - b. These men spread a false gospel for their own personal gain. Are there people who continue to do this today? How do we identify false teachers and avoid following them?
 - c. Our debt is paid in full because of Jesus’ redeeming sacrifice. What do we need to do to accept this gift? Have you taken this step?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week’s study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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