

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 30 -November 5, 2022

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## Strength in Weakness Divine Jealousy 2 Corinthians 11:1-6

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Fall clean up outreach November 5 - Contact Terry Haley for information
- 2) Project Greatest Gift sign ups begin November 6.

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Have you ever experienced the feeling of jealousy? How did you resolve it?

### 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:

*Rather than being aloof about the fate of our souls, God is jealous for us; desiring that rather than being led astray, we would grow in the saving knowledge of Him.*

### DIGGING DEEPER

*Rather than being aloof about the fate of our souls...*

1. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:1.** Paul begins this passage with a request that the readers bear with him. He calls his request "foolishness" or "folly" (NKJV). Why would he preface his dialog in this way? What topic is he about to address?

*God is jealous for us;*

2. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:2.** How would you define "divine jealousy"? The NKJV says "godly jealousy". Is God a jealous God? If so, in what way?
  - a. Should we be concerned or delighted that God is jealous for us? Discuss your answer.
  - b. **Read Galatians 5:20.** In this verse Paul exhorts us not to be jealous. How does human jealousy differ from Godly jealousy? What is the difference between being jealous of someone and being jealous for someone. When is jealousy a sin and when is it not?
  - c. Paul writes that the church is "betrothed...to one husband". What and who is Paul referring to? **Read Ephesians 5:25-27** and discuss its relationship to this verse.

*desiring that rather than being led astray...*

3. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:3-4.** Paul refers to Eve being deceived by the serpent in the garden (**Read Genesis 3:1-7**). How is this applicable to what the Corinthians are experiencing? What danger is Paul trying to help them avoid?
  - a. Paul says that the Corinthians are easily deceived or “put up with it (false doctrine) readily enough”. Are we also prone to being deceived? What can prevent us from accepting false doctrine?
  - b. Are there people or organizations today who proclaim a different Jesus and a different spirit? How can we help others avoid accepting these false proclamations?

*... we would grow in the saving knowledge of Him.*

4. **Read 2 Corinthians 11:5-6.** What argument does Paul make for his credibility? Who are the “super-apostles” Paul is referring to? Does he truly consider them to be superior to himself?
  - a. How has Paul made his knowledge clear to the Corinthians “in all things”?
  - b. What resources has God given us to help us “grow in the saving knowledge of Him”? In what ways can we share that knowledge with our unsaved family and friends?

## TAKING IT HOME

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

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

