

The Great Joy of Seeing God Work

Text: 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

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Big Idea: Seeing God do a great work in others, produces great joy in us!

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

To truly experience the joy of seeing God work in His church...

Point 1: I must have the CHURCH in my HEART (vv. 2-4)

Question #2

- a) **Rd vv. 2-4:** Discuss what Paul means when he says, "Make room in you hearts for us."
- b) What was happening in Corinth that led Paul to believe they may have closed their hearts to him?
- c) Why is pursuing reconciliation with our brothers and sisters essential if the church is to be healthy and glorifying to Christ?
- d) Spend time in prayer asking God if there is anyone in Hope Ottawa or a former church you need to pursue reconciliation with. Once identified, what is one next step you can take towards that today?

Question #3

- a) How is making room in your heart for the church a picture of the gospel?
- b) Why is it not possible to say you have made room for God in your heart, but not His Church?
- b) How well do you **truly** know your brothers and sisters at Hope Ottawa?
- c) Who is someone you may not know as well, that you can make greater room in your heart for?
- d) What is one next step you can take to pursue that this week?

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Point 2: I Must have the COURAGE to CONFRONT (vv. 5-7)

Question #4

- a) **Rd vv. 5-7:** What was the 'fear within' that Paul is referring to here? What had Paul done previously that led to this?
- b) How did the church respond to Paul confrontation?
- c) Why does it take courage to lovingly confront a brother or sister in their sin?
- d) Why is it essential for the **church** and for the **individual**, that we, as brothers and sisters, lovingly confront one another when there is a pattern of sin? (Hint: Hebrews 12:14-15)

Question #5

- a) **Rd. Gal. 6:1:** What is the pattern of how you respond if a brother or sister lovingly confronts you in your sin? Why do you respond like that?
- b) What is it saying about the other person that they would lovingly confront you in that sin?
- c) What gospel fruits are produced through loving confrontation and humble reception of that?
- d) Spend time in repentance of where you have responded to a loving confrontation of your sin with defensiveness, unforgiveness and anger. Thank God for His great love for you!

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Point 3: I Must have CONFIRMATION of Seeing Godly SORROW and True REPENTANCE! (vv. 8-16)

Question #6

- a) **Rd vv. 8-11:** Why was Paul rejoicing that his letter to the Corinthians made them grieve their sin?
- b) What is Godly grief? Why is it unlike any other kind of grief?
- c) What is true repentance and what is it not? Describe the fruit of true repentance on the mind, desire and behaviour.
- d) Why is repentance to be the continual lifestyle of every Christian? What happens if it isn't?

Question #7

- Rd. v. 10:** What is the counterfeit grief to a true Godly grief?
- Look at the chart below and discuss the difference between the fruits of Godly grief and worldly grief, and what each ultimately leads to.

GODLY GRIEF	VS.	WORLDLY GRIEF
All about God		All about Self
Concerned about grieving God		Concerned with personal loss
Humble		Proud
Peaceful		Angry
Gentle		Bitter
Welfare of others		Welfare of self
Responsibility		Defensive
Sincere		Blame-shift
Repentant		Justifies

Question #8

- Look at the chart above. Which type of grief is more apparent in your life when you are confronted in your sin? Why do you respond with that type of grief?
- What fruits are most prominent in your life in that grief?
- What sin area right now are you unrepentant of, and responding with worldly grief towards?
- Spend time in repentance for your the worldly grief and for each of the fruits that has been produced by that. Then, spend time in prayer, thanking God for His grace towards you; and asking Him for a heart of grieving over your sin as He does to ultimately produce fruit that glorifies Him.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **2 Corinthians 7:2-16...**

- ADORATION:** Lord, You are the God of love who _____ .
- CONFESSION:** Lord, I repent of my worldly-grieved, unrepentant heart in_____.
- THANKSGIVING:** Jesus, I thank you for making room in Your heart for me when I was_____.
- SUPPLICATION:** Jesus, I ask You: i) To help me love Your Church more when_____. ii) To respond with Godly grief and live a lifestyle of true repentance that leads to life.

Memory Verse:

“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”-2 Corinthians 7:10