

The Great Joy of Seeing God Work

Text: 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

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Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- What is the setting and what is happening?
- Who are the main characters?
- 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 _____ in my _____ (vv. 2-4)

Sermon Notes...

Question #2

- Rd vv. 2-4:** Discuss what Paul means when he says, "Make room in you hearts for us."
- How is making room in your heart for the church a picture of the gospel?
- Why is it not possible to say you have made room for God in your heart, but not His Church?
- How well do you **truly** know your brothers and sisters at Hope Ottawa?
- Who is someone you may not know as well, that you can make greater room in your heart for?
- What is one next step you can take to pursue that this week

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

Sermon Notes...

Question #4

- Rd vv. 5-7:** What was the 'fear within' that Paul is referring to here? Have you ever been fearful of the impact of when you've lovingly confronted a brother/sister in their sin?
- Why does it take courage to lovingly confront a brother or sister in their sin?
- 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)

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

Sermon Notes...

Question #5

- a) **Rd vv. 8-11:**
- b) What is Godly grief? What is worldly 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 #6

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

- a) 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?
- b) What fruits are most prominent in your life in that grief?
- c) What sin area right now are you unrepentant of, and responding with worldly grief towards?
- d) 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...**

- a) **ADORATION:** Lord, You are the God of love who _____ .
- b) **CONFESSION:** Lord, I repent of my worldly-grieved, unrepentant heart in_____.
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Jesus, I thank you for making room in Your heart for me when I was_____.
- d) **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

A Message from Pastor Ray....

Hope Youth, I am so thankful for the work of the Lord in each of you over this past year. Thank you for keeping the Word of God and the Church of Jesus Christ as Your priority this past year. I am praying for you daily that as you enter the summer, each of you would continue to make Him your greatest priority and fight the good fight of the faith to keep Him as your first love. I am praying for you daily and am truly grateful for you all. Have a great summer! You are loved!