

## **Bible Study Questions on 2 Corinthians**

### **Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-7**

What can you determine from the opening of this letter in vv. 3-7?

What is what area in your life where you feel stressed or in some form of suffering?

How is God a comfort in your life right now?

What is one way you can be a comfort to someone else this week?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11**

What assurance does this passage give you that God will deliver you from your difficult situation?

According to this passage, how can other people help us in our challenging times?

What is one result of praying for others in v. 11?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 1:12-24.**

One what did Paul rely during his ministry travels? (v. 12)

How is God's message in Christ always "Yes"? (v. 18-20)

What three things does God give us in vv. 21-22?

How did the Corinthians stand firm (v. 24)? How does this give you assurance?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 2:1-11.**

How did Paul approach his relationship with the Corinthians (vv. 1-4)?

How should the church deal with the brother who has repented? (vv. 5-11)?

What is the danger of not forgiving someone and accepting them back in the fellowship (v. 11)?

**Read 2 Corinthians 2:12-17**

How are we the perfume of God in the world? (vv. 14-15)

How are we the stink of death in the world (v. 16)

How does a person “peddle the word of God for profit”? (v. 17)

How should we share the good news of Jesus? (v. 17)

**Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6.**

What is the purpose of a letter of recommendation?

How is a letter written by the Holy Spirit? (v. 3)

How does God make us capable? (vv. 4-5)

How does the letter kill? (v. 6)

**Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18**

How is the new covenant more glorious than the old covenant? (vv. 7-9)

How was the old covenant temporary? (vv. 10-11)

How does trying to obey the law become a burden and make us spiritually dull? (vv. 13-15)

What does the veil represent in v. 16?

What does the Holy Spirit bring us? (v. 17)

Into what are we transformed? (v. 18)

### **Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

Why should we not lose heart? What does it mean to lose heart? (v. 1)

What types of things should we renounce? (v. 2)

Are we responsible for how other people respond to the gospel? (v. 3)

Why do people not respond to the gospel message? (v. 4)

What difference can God in Christ make in your life? (v. 6)

### **Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18.**

What treasure do we have? (v. 7)

What are the opposites in vv. 8-11? How are these seen in your life?

What difference does our faith in Jesus Christ make? (vv. 8-11)

What confidence do we have to share the good news of Jesus? (vv. 13-14)

What is the result of our obedience? (v. 15)

How are we renewed every day? (v. 16-17)

What response can you give? (v. 18)

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.**

What is our “earthly tent”? (v. 1)

Do you every finding yourself groaning, like Paul in vv. 2-4? What causes this groaning?

How is the Holy Spirit a guaranteed deposit for us? (v. 5)

If we are a believer, what happens when we die? (v. 6)

What does it mean to walk by faith and not sight? (v. 7) Why is this so difficult?

What should our motivation be? (vv. 9-10)

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-15.**

Why should we try to convince people of the truth of Jesus? (v. 11)

Where should we have pride and for what reason? (v. 12)

How is Christ’s love a motivation to us?

How is our love for Christ a motivation to us? (v. 14)

What happens when we no longer live for ourselves? (v. 15)

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2.**

Why do we view people differently once we become a Christian? (v. 16)

What does new creation look like? In what ways are we made new? (v. 17)

What does reconciliation mean? (vv. 18-19)

What is our role as ambassadors? What do we actually do? (v. 20)

What does it mean that Jesus became sin for us? Why is this important? (v. 21)

In this context, how can we receive God's grace in vain? (6:1)

What is the urgency to preach the gospel? (6:2)

**Read 2 Corinthians 6:3-13.**

How have you suffered for the gospel in your life? How does this compare to Paul's list in vv. 4-10?

How does Paul's experience in these verses both challenge you and encourage you?

What does it mean to open your heart wide to another believer? (vv. 11-13)

**Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1.**

What is the danger of marrying a non-Christian?

If you are not married and would like to be married one day, do you pray for your future spouse now? If not, write out a prayer of the type of person you wish to have.

How much should we associate with non-Christians? Can they be our friends?

How does being God's holy temple influence how we live?

**Read 2 Corinthians 7:1-16.**

How do we perfect holiness in our lives? (v. 1)

How could the Corinthians make room in their hearts for Paul? (v. 2)

Why were the Corinthians coming down hard on Paul? What is his response in these verses? (vv. 2-4)

How did Titus help Paul in Macedonia? How did the Corinthians help Paul? (vv. 6-7)

How can Christian confrontation be useful sometimes? (vv. 9-10)

Why did Paul write a letter according to v. 12? What was the result? (v. 13)

What made Titus so encouraged? (vv. 13-16)

**Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9.**

What is the basis for the generosity of the Macedonians? (vv. 1-2)

Were they coerced in their giving to the poor of Jerusalem? (vv. 3-4)

What was their motive in giving in this offering? (v. 5)

How could the Corinthians follow the example of the Macedonians? (vv. 6-7)

What example do we have of giving? (vv. 8-9)

**Read 2 Corinthians 8:10-15.**

What is the principle for Christian giving in v. 12?

Why have we been blessed? (v. 14)

How can you apply v. 15 to your life?

Look within your own life. How are you a steward of the blessings God has given you?