

Wednesday February 25th
Grace for Hard Things - 2 Corinthians 5-8

Opening

Share about a time you thought you were wrong but you were really right.

Digging Deeper

Message Review: In chapters 5-7 the apostle Paul shares his ministry and his heart with the Corinthian believers. He pleads with those who still need to turn from their sin and rejoices with those who have already repented. In chapter 7 Paul compares the ideas of “godly sorrow” and “worldly sorrow” and describes the effect of each. This section will be the focus of our discussion. **READ** 2 Corinthians 7:8-11

- 1) In verse 8 Paul admits that he wrestled with regret over sending his letter of rebuke to the Corinthians. Why might he have felt conflicted? What do you think this admission by Paul says about him as a spiritual leader?

- 2) Paul rejoices in verse 9 over the church’s repentance. What’s the reason he gives at the end of the verse for sending such a harsh letter? Comparing this to Proverbs 27:6, can there be a difference between “hurting” someone and “harming” them?

- 3) Verse 10 says that repentance is something we’ll never regret. What are some common fears that keep us from repentance and why are they invalid?

- 4) According to verse 11, what are some of the signs or proofs of godly sorrow and genuine repentance?

Application

1. Share with the group something from these verses that encourages you.

2. Thinking of “repentance” as an action word, what are some specific steps we can take when we feel Godly conviction over sin?

Prayer

1. What is something from this passage that we can pray for?

2. Pray for personal needs.