

Sermon Discussion Questions for November 24, 2019

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 – Giving Up on God

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. Life is full of challenges. In fact, life can be hard at times. What challenges are you facing? Do some of these challenges come as a result of following Jesus?
 3. In verses 8-9, what are the four life-difficulties listed? What encouragement is offered, if any?
 4. In verse 7, what *treasure* does Paul reference? (see verse 6). Our knowledge of Christ and the *light of life* that we share with Him is housed/stored in our earthly bodies. What are clay jars (pottery) like? What are evidences of earthly bodies being fragile like clay jars? What are your own experiences of having a fragile body?
 5. Death has been conquered through the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. How do people deal with life's physical pain and suffering? Where do they turn? If you are having a tremendously hard time in life (particularly physically), there is hope. What promises are given in verses 16b and 17?
 6. What present action do Paul and other believers take to cope with the temporary nature of our physical bodies and inevitable aging process of our bodies? (see verse 18). Does this mean that we ignore the present state of our physical affliction and just give-up? (No- fixing our eyes on unseen and eternal is more about right perspective and attitude).
 7. Does having an eternal perspective help you deal with your current state of life? How can your attitude and behavior during the hard times of life impact others and hopefully lead them to new life in Jesus Christ?
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- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

