

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 17, 2020



We Do Not Lose Heart

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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Get to Know You

What has happened in your life this week for which you are thankful?

Study the Book

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Why would Joe Frazier say that he wants his opponent's heart?

How would this be a strategy of Satan?

What are some reasons that Paul may have lost heart during his ministry?

How was Paul able to face misery and still be grateful for the ministry? It was because he could distinguish between the treasure he carried and the vessel he carried it in.

Tom Goodman

What treasure was Paul carrying?

How might the following descriptions found in verses 8-9 describe life here and now?

Hard Pressed –

Perplexed –

Persecuted –

Struck Down –

In verse 10, Paul says that he always carried around the death of Jesus in his body. He was reminding us that whatever we endure in carrying out God's ministry is just a small reflection of what Jesus endured in carrying out God's ministry.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 and 2 Corinthians 11:24-29

Paul describes his earthly troubles as light and momentary: how would you describe the troubles he faced?

Group Application Discussion

What is hard about having gratitude when facing troubles?

What helps you put your troubles in perspective?

Personal Reflection and Application

What troubles are you facing today?

Which of the “nots” found in this passage do you need to focus on this week? I need to remind myself that I am (circle your answer):

Not Crushed

Not in Despair

Not Abandoned

Not Destroyed