

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from August 16, 2009 “The Restoration of Sinning Brothers” 2 Corinthians 2:6-8

Observing the text

What did Paul mean when he told the Corinthians that he had put them to the test in 2 Corinthians 2:9?

Why was Paul able to link what they would do in terms of church discipline with himself in 2 Corinthians 2:10?

Why did Paul tell the Corinthians that what he had forgiven, he had forgiven for their sakes in 2 Corinthians 2:10?

What did Paul specifically have in mind when he spoke of forgiveness in 2 Corinthians 2:10?

Why did Paul say that forgiveness was so important?

Applying the sermon

If the mark of a true disciple is that they will be seeking to be obedient in all things, how is your life characterized by the desire to do this?

Based on Matthew 18:15-17, how does Christ desire us to be involved in the ministry of restoration?

Do you presently have a relationship with any willfully sinning brother or sister in Christ? What steps are you willing to make to lovingly confront them and call them to repentance?

What steps are you willing to make toward any truly repentant brother or sister in Christ that you have not forgiven but need to?

What do you think God would say if you fail to either confront or forgive when this is appropriate?