

## *Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

### **Study Aid for the Sermon from December 5, 2010 “Comfort and Joy for a Caring Heart” 2 Corinthians 7:8-13**

#### **Observing the text**

Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-13 carefully and make as many observations as possible. How do these verses fit into the flow of the passage?

What does being made sorrowful “according to the will of God” mean?

Why does Paul describe this kind of sorrow as leading to salvation?

Why does Paul tell us that worldly sorrow produces death?

How can someone tell whether or not the sorrow they have experienced is a godly sorrow or a worldly sorrow?

#### **Applying the sermon**

Why would you be disturbed if the lives of professing believers remain unchanged in regard to their sins and they show no evidence of true repentance?

How would you be excited if the lives of professing believers are changing and their lives are being transformed from glory to glory and they are showing the evidence of true repentance?

Specifically, what is your attitude toward God if you are more disturbed by being deprived of personal comforts and successes rather than of professing believers who show no sign of true repentance?

Compare your excitement for the blessings of personal comforts and successes with your excitement for professing believers that are being transformed from glory to glory and are showing evidence of true repentance.

Take the time to consider your present spiritual state by either asking God to fill you with the heart and attitude of Christ or to thank Him for what He has already done and continues to do in your heart.