

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from December 12, 2010 “Comfort and Joy for a Caring Heart” 2 Corinthians 7:13-16

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 7:13-16 and make as many observations as possible. How do these verses fit into the flow of the text?

What was the source of Paul’s joy in 2 Corinthians 7:13?

What was the cause for the increasing affection of Titus?

What did Paul mean when he said that the Corinthians received Titus with “fear and trembling?”

What was the source of Paul’s joy in 2 Corinthians 7:16?

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

Applying the sermon

When evaluating our spiritual health, why is it important to consider what brings us joy?

Why would it be a good sign that we are spiritually healthy if our joy is more wrapped up in the spiritual progress of others than in our own earthly comforts and delights?

How are you specifically finding joy in the spiritual progress of others?

How does it make you joyful when you see people finding joy in the spiritual progress of others?

If you are not experiencing joy in the spiritual progress of others what are you willing to do so that God’s Spirit might fill you with the heart of Christ?