

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from August 19, 2012
Paul's Final Appeal To The Unrepentant
2 Corinthians 13:5-6**

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-6 and make as many observations as possible. How do these two verses fit into the flow of the text?

What was being tested?

What was at stake in Paul's mind as they, in response to his exhortation, took this test?

In Paul's mind, what would have been the means that the Corinthians would have used to perform this test?

In Paul's mind, why would this have been the means that the Corinthians would have used?

Applying the sermon

Do you believe that it is important for professing Christians to examine themselves to see whether or not they are in the faith? Do you believe that you are committed to doing this?

In your examination of yourself, do you see penitence, or in other words a sense of your own sinfulness?

In your examination of yourself, do you see a desire for righteousness demonstrated by a life characterized by obedience?

In your examination of yourself, do you see a submission to divine authority?

In your examination of yourself, do you see a love for God and a love for others?

In your examination of yourself, how have you found the proof to support your belief that you are "in the faith?"