



Home Group Questions Sunday 20 September 2020

Power in Weakness

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

- We are getting used to wearing face coverings, but they are a nuisance. When have you been most relieved to take your off?
- It may be helpful to consider the relevance of the false apostles that Paul describes in chapter 11 – Paul then has to defend his Jewishness in 11:22 – it seems that the Corinthians have been influenced by a number of teachers who are stressing their Jewishness and perhaps emphasising the teaching of Moses over the teaching of Jesus – a sort of ‘back to Moses’ agenda.
- In the light of that, read verses 7-11 – Paul compares the old covenant and the new covenant
 - In what ways does he describe the difference between the old and the new covenants?
 - What do these tell us about the ‘new ministry’?
 - How might we now relate to the old covenant?
- What is the hope that Paul refers to in verse 12? Why does it make him ‘very bold’?
- Read verse 15 ‘even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts’
 - Does this apply just in Paul’s time or to ours as well?
 - Does this apply just to ‘Moses’ (Paul probably is referring to the first 5 books of the bible) or to all of scripture as we have it today?
- ‘Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom’ vs 17. What sort of freedom might Paul be talking about here? In what ways would you like to experience this freedom?
- Share with each other examples of people you have known who have been very Christ-like – what was it about them?
- Are there examples that you can share with the group of a veil covering your heart that you would like Christ to remove? (vs 14 & 16)
- How might you want the Holy Spirit to transform you? What fruits (Galatians 5) would you like to see growing in your life?
- Pray for one another for those things, pray that you might be ‘transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory’

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