THE GOSPEL NEVER FAILS 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11 Pastor Jim Oakley

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- 1. THE GOSPEL NEVER FAILS EVEN WHEN IT'S MESSENGERS APPEAR TO (vs. 1:12-2:4)
- 2. REGARDLESS, WE SHOULD NEVER FAIL TO FORGIVE THE REPENTANT (vs. 2:5-2:11)

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 1:20

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:3

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- 1. Rate yourself on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being "completely trusting" and 5 being "very cynical".
- 2. Why did you rate yourself that way?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11. The Corinthians were very cynical about Paul, why?
- 4. How does Paul assert his trustworthiness?
- 5. Why didn't Paul visit them when he went through Macedonia like he planned?
- 6. Why is it important for a messenger of the Gospel to have integrity?
- 7. How does God display integrity with his promises?
- 8. Of the two parties, Paul or the Corinthians, which one has more cause to grieve about the other one?
- 9. Why did the Corinthian church grieve him?
- 10. Review 1 Corinthians 5. What was the punishment for this man caught in sin?
- 11. What is the ultimate goal of church discipline as illustrated in this passage?
- 12. Why would it be challenging for the church to forgive in this situation?
- 13. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?