

January 19, 2024 2 Corinthians - Chapter 3

## Connect

Follow up on any personal events or prayer requests shared from last week. Or consider picking an icebreaker question from our list here: Icebreaker Questions

## Grow

Embrace the transformative power of prayer and Scripture reading. As you commune with the Lord, ask Him to illuminate any area of your life where you struggle to surrender to Him fully. What specific areas is He highlighting, and how can you invite Him into those areas this week? What does your Scripture reading look like as we begin this new year? Remember, through prayer and Scripture, transformation is possible.

## Share

1. Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-18. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon? What has been most impactful to you in this series?

2. What are the metrics of validation and measures of success the Apostle Paul uses to authenticate the ministry God the Holy Spirit is doing in the church at Corinth in verses 1-3? How are these measures of success different from what organizations (secular or nonprofit) typically point to as objective achievements?

3. Read verses 2 Cor 3:5-6. How many times is "adequacy" mentioned in these two verses? Coming to terms with our own inadequacy is the path for the adequacy of God to transform us and equip us to live in light of the new covenant. What has the process of coming to terms with your own inadequacy been for you? How is this an ongoing process you can lean into daily?

4. If you have embraced the gospel and are living in the new covenant, you are a new creation, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, having the mind of Christ, been adopted as heirs of the King, and a whole host of other riches of Christ (Eph 1:3, 3:8). How have you been surrendering to the Holy Spirit's leadership to live out of your new identity this past week?

# Practice: Embracing the Gospel Overtime

### Living as a Letter of Christ

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 describes us as "a letter of Christ" to the world. You are a vital part of this reflection. In what ways is your life reflecting Christ to the world around you? What steps can you take this week to represent His love, grace, and truth to others? Consider writing out how you would want to live as a letter of Christ in 2025 to those around you and come prepared to share next week.