

Mar 13, 16 2025 2 Corinthians 11

Connect (10-15 mins)

1. Share any updates from last week's prayer requests or celebrations.

Grow (10-15 mins)

2. In light of 2 Corinthians 10:5 last week, did anyone experience victory in the practice of "taking every thought captive unto the obedience of Christ" last week? How did you grow more aware of your thought life and the gospel last week?

Share (45-60 mins)

- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-33. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon?
- 4. This section in 2 Corinthians is referred to as "The Fools Speech". Reflect on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. How is preaching Christ and Christ crucified both foolish and wise, how does this impact your view on sharing Christ?
- 5. Paul warns us of the danger in following "false teachers" who captivate our minds with eloquent speech or popularity. What are some examples of false teachers or false teaching in our world today? Why is false teaching to be taken so seriously and what are some ways you can grow in discernment around false teaching?
- 6. What are some of the things you are tempted to find *value in* or *boast about* in your life? How does this contrast to what Paul shares and what is written in Jeremiah 9:23-24 in regards to our boasting?
- 7. If you feel disqualified when it comes to sharing the Gospel and pointing others to Christ, take heart, your credibility is in Him. What are some of the reasons you hold back from sharing Christ with others? How does a deeper understanding of "boasting in Him" set you free in this area?

Practice: Celebrate the Work of God (15-30 mins)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3)

Boasting in the Lord comes from a deeper understanding of His word and all of the riches we have been given in Christ. Take a few minutes and have each person write down at least 3 blessings or riches we have in Christ. If you need ideas, visit this resource on our identity in Christ and what we've been given in Him: Identity in Christ. Pick 3 from the list that are most meaningful to you and share why.

After, have each person share what they wrote and boast in the Lord together. Celebrate the work of God in your life and end in a time of praise together, praying for what God has given you through Christ.