The Treasures of Faith Learning from Examples Discussion Questions 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 September 19, 2021

We Do Not Grow Alone

Discuss together some of your faith heroes. (Not authors or long dead people. People who have been a part of your life.) How did they influence you specifically?

Discuss why it necessary for us to be a part of the body of Christ in order to obey God. Use John 13:34, Colossians 3:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 10:24, Galatians 6:2

Looking at 2 Corinthians 8:16-18, and 22, discuss why Paul would send these men to Corinth with Titus.

God Works Through His Body, The Church

In 2 Corinthians 8:18-19, Paul refers one of the men being sent as being "appointed by the churches." Discuss the authority of the churches and what that means for today.

In collecting and administering the gift to the Jerusalem church, Paul said "for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man." – Discuss how this goal should inform what we do as a group of believers and not just as individuals.

Paul only names Titus in the group of people going to Corinth, but he does say of them "they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ" in 2 Corinthians 8:23. Discuss why you think Paul uses such high praise and language to describe them yet does not name them.

Honor Those Who Have Helped You

Discuss why Paul would call them to live up to His boasting before the men who are being sent to them. Use 2 Corinthians 8:24.

Pastor Roger challenged you to think back on those who have influenced you and helped you walk closer to Christ in some way and to reach out to them and let them know the impact they had. Discuss why this should be a common practice among Christians. Use Galatians 6:6 as a guide.