

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

2 Corinthians Series

These questions are for the **October 21, 2018** sermon, "Sincere Devotion to Christ." Please read the sermon passage (2 Corinthians 11:1-15) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

SINCERE CHRIST-FOLLOWERS ARE LEARNING TO . . .

1. Guard our thoughts about Jesus Christ (1-6) -Make Jesus your first priority!
 - i. Be diligent (don't be lazy)
 1. Earnestly study the Scriptures and believe what they teach.
 2. Jesus Christ is God (Genesis 1:26-27; John 1:1; Colossians 2:9)
 - ii. Be aware (don't get distracted)
 1. Much of what we believe comes via personal relationships.
 2. Re-examine what you believe about Jesus when "someone comes," (especially at the start of new relationships and during transitions).
 3. Holding our ground requires "sincere" and "pure" commitment to the one whom we are betrothed (2). Make Jesus your first priority.
 - iii. Be strong (don't be a theological wimp)
 1. Jesus Christ is our LORD. We serve Him and submit to Him.
 2. Don't tolerate anyone who would come in and proclaim another Jesus.
2. Accept true servants of Jesus Christ (7-11)
 - Humility (7), Integrity (8-9), ministers of the Word (10) and a love for the people (11).
3. Reject false servants of Jesus Christ (12-15)
 - They boast about their accomplishments, deceive and put on disguises.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: It is important to study the Scriptures so that we will have a clear understanding of Jesus' real identity. What is your discipline for studying the Scriptures about Jesus Christ? Which passages have helped you the most? What are your biggest questions about Jesus' identity, nature or mission?
2. Based on #1, above: What we believe about Jesus can be influenced by new and substantial relationships and people's opinions. Have you ever been strongly (or suddenly) influenced to think in a new or unbiblical way about Jesus? How can we guard against this kind of influence?
3. Based on #1, above: Jesus is LORD. False teachers emphasize a new "Jesus," but a sincere Christ-follower is growing in their submission to "Jesus Christ." What have you done in the last two weeks (that you did not want to do) just because Jesus is your LORD? What attitudes have you adjusted? What sin have you forgiven? What action have you begun (or ceased)?
4. Based on #2/3, above: Sincere Christ-followers should not put up with (tolerate) false teachers, who come on the scene boasting, deceiving and disguising themselves. Jesus teaches us that these false teachers will be present in the church in the "last days" (Matthew 24). Where do we see these false teachers today? What should you be doing? God's people should not "put up with" any teaching that presents "another Jesus." How are you working that out in your life?