

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
2 Corinthians 2:5-11
Welcome Home

Getting Started

Complete the sentence: home is a place where

Background

Read 2 Cor 1:23 - 2:4. Paul had made a very painful visit to Corinth (2:1) during which a man led something of a rebellion against Paul's authority. Paul later wrote a sorrowful letter (2:4) in which he exhorted the church to deal with the situation.

Digging In

1. **Read 2 Cor 2:5-11.** What had apparently happened since Paul's visit to Corinth and follow-up letter?
2. What does he exhort the church to do now? Why?
3. How is this an example of showing both truth and love? (Eph 4:15)
4. What was Paul's own attitude toward the man who had created such problems for him and for the church?
5. Why was forgiveness also important for the sake of the church in Corinth? (v. 11)
6. When it comes to sin in the church, what are some ways that Satan can outwit us?
7. **Read Matthew 18:15-17.** How does Paul's teaching in 2 Cor 2 illustrate the principles of Matt 18?
8. How does it illustrate the exhortation given in Gal 6:1.
9. How does it illustrate Paul's teaching in Colossians 3:12-14?
10. Why is it important to distinguish between restoration following loving confrontation, and just accepting someone who has sinned?



Getting Personal

- How can we apply the teaching of 2 Corinthians 2 to our church?
- In what ways can we follow Paul's example of loving concern for the church at Corinth?