

Coming Back from Skepticism
2 Corinthians 10:1-18, Pew Bible p. 968
November 20, 2022

I. Godly Leadership: Reflecting Christ or the Flesh? (V. 1-8)

A. A godly leader's example is Christ; an ungodly leader's example is the flesh. (V. 1-3)

B. A godly leader's weapons are spiritual; an ungodly leader's weapons are the flesh. (V. 4-6)

C. A godly leader's authority is used to build up the church; an ungodly leader's authority is used to build up his flesh. (V. 7-8)

II. Godly Leadership: Confidence in God or Themselves? (V. 9-18)

A. Godly leaders draw their strength from God; ungodly leaders draw their strength from themselves. (V. 9-12)

B. Godly leaders boast in what God has done through them; ungodly leaders boast in themselves. (V. 13-17)

C. Godly leaders are approved by God; ungodly leaders are approved by themselves. (V. 18)

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-18.
2. Since meekness and gentleness are exemplary attributes of Jesus Christ, how often do we exhibit them in our daily lives and interactions with those around us?
3. Knowing we fight a spiritual war and not a fleshly one, how exactly do you think “bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” works out practically?
4. As Paul writes to the Corinthians challenging them to think about what real godly leadership is as opposed to ungodly leadership, imagine being a Corinthian believer hearing this for the first time. After hearing verses 7-11, what action might you take as a believer in a church where this is going on?
5. Paul says that those who measure and compare themselves with themselves are without understanding. Why is it so unwise to do what verse 12 says not to do?
6. Read Jeremiah 9:23-24. Why do you think Paul drew from this Scripture in Jeremiah at the end of chapter 10?
7. Pray for our church leaders and each other that we would all exemplify Christ in our daily interactions with those around us. Consider attending the church prayer meeting every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Worship Center.

Church Bible Reading Plan

1 Kings 13-15

November Memory Verses: 1 Kings 2:1-3



John 3:14-17

14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our lost friends, family, and acquaintances

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Sherri O. (uncle); Barbara K. (husband); Elaine D. (sister); Gary & Betty B. (brother-in-law); Family of Wayne & Twila D.; and Larry & Brenda D. (her sister-in-law)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); John E. (eyelid cancer/kidney issues); Debbie B. (chemo); Ann C.-W. (health issues); Mary R. (transplant recovery); Jim M. (recovery from arm injury & surgery); Laura M. (undiagnosed health issue); Jenny P. (childbirth soon); Stan & Twyla H. (health and other issues); Debbie P. (health issues); and Michelle LaM. (stroke recovery & upcoming testing)
- Others that you are aware of