

Living Connections

Bible Study

A Commendable Life

Icebreaker: What was it that made you willing to consider the claims of Christ and the gospel?
What evidence did you see in Christians that made you willing to investigate further
what Christ could do for you?

Text: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

1. What ministry has God given to every believer? 2 Corinthians 5:20

2. Why is it important for us to plead with people not to put off being reconciled to God?
2 Corinthians 6:1-2

3. How careful must we be as Christ's ambassadors not to set a stumbling block before our neighbors?
2 Corinthians 6:3

4. In what areas of our lives are we to be an example of God's saving grace and transforming power?
2 Corinthians 6:4

The Greek word translated *commend* in verse 4 means to stand up the evidence side by side so that people can make a comparison between our lives and the lives of those who do not know the Savior. Our lives should stand in stark contrast to unbelievers, thus commending the gospel we preach to others.

5. Read 2 Corinthians 6:4-10 and discuss how Christians have commended the gospel of Christ in the following areas. You can use examples from your own life, Paul's life, missionaries and other Christian ministers. Also read Paul's testimony in 2 Corinthians 11:23-28

...in much patience – _____

...in tribulations – _____

...in needs – _____

...in distresses – _____

...in stripes – _____

...in imprisonments – _____

...in tumults – _____

...in labors – _____

...in sleeplessness – _____

...in fastings – _____

...by purity – _____

...by knowledge – _____

...by longsuffering – _____

...by kindness – _____

...by the Holy Spirit – _____

...by sincere love – _____

...by the word of truth – _____

...by the power of God – _____

...by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left – _____

...by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report – _____

...as deceivers, and yet true – _____

...as unknown, and yet well known – _____

...as dying, and behold we live – _____

...as chastened, and yet not killed – _____

...as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing – _____

...as poor, yet making many rich – _____

...as having nothing, and yet possessing all things – _____

Think about it this week:

*You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,
by the deeds that you do, and the words that you say.
Men read what you write, distorted or true.
What is the gospel according to you?*