

Morning Worship

January 17, 2016

Due to inclement weather our services were cancelled this past Sunday. We hope you are all well and safe and look forward to seeing you this next Sunday. We have postponed our dinner and business meeting to this Sunday, January 24, as we were unable to have it this past Sunday as scheduled. We will first have the dinner and then the business meeting as usual. Hope to see you there.

January Bible Study *2 Corinthians*

What is the ministry of the church? Of a church leader? Of a church member? What does it take to minister effectively for Christ? What are the right motivations for doing ministry? How do you deal with critics in ministry?

These are pressing questions for the church today. They were no less pressing in first-century Corinth. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians could accurately be termed a handbook on church ministry. The apostle wrote the letter in response to specific problems that had developed in the congregation—problems that manifested themselves in attacks on his authority, motives, and methods as a minister. Paul's defense of his ministry in 2 Corinthians gives believers today insight into the nature and practice of Christian ministry.

This 2016 January Bible Study examines key topics such as the nature of ministry, the power for ministry, and the motivation for ministry. Participants will be reminded that ministry is the power of God working through them to accomplish His purposes. We will also realize that the foundation and focus of ministry is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are 6 Sessions in this study. We will begin January 31 at Noon (immediately following Morning Worship) with a lite lunch (main course provided—bring desserts, finger foods). We will attempt to tackle two sessions each Sunday afternoon, hopefully dismissing by 2:15 pm. Here are the topics:

- 1 The Relationship Aspect of Ministry**
2 Corinthians 1:1–2:13
- 2 The Transformational Nature of Ministry**
2 Corinthians 2:14–4:6
- 3 The Eternal Perspective of Ministry**
2 Corinthians 4:7–5:10
- 4 The Gospel Focus of Ministry**
2 Corinthians 5:11–7:16
- 5 The Financial Aspect of Ministry**
2 Corinthians 8:1–9:15
- 6 The Personal Challenges of Ministry**
2 Corinthians 10:1–13:14

Weather permitting, we will meet again on February 7 and February 21. This is for everyone! Come for the Fellowship! Come for the Bible Study! Plan to attend! You will be blessed!