

Message Outline
Church Shopping
2 Corinthians



Small Group Reflection Questions
(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)



Intro: "Church Shopping:" A look at the nine 1st century church epistles in NT...

- Last week, Corinth: Church Splits (ch.1-4), Sexual Issues (ch.5-7), Sustenance issues (ch.8-10), Service Issues (ch.11-16)...

Background of Church in Corinth

- Sea life: the impact of the isthmus...
- Sex life: temple to Aphrodite and moral impact...
- Sin city...

Read: 2 Corinthians 7

- *The Bible Project:* 2 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians about rebuking, relationships, and reactions...
 - ch.1-7—Past trials revisited/taught...
 - ch.8-9—Offering issues...
 - ch.10-13—Authority issues...
- 2 Corinthians...how to have the tough talks!

How to say the tough stuff...

- 1) _____ 2:4, 7:3
 - If we haven't done the work of love, our words won't often work...
- 2) _____ 7:2
 - Needing to remove planks before removing specks (cf. Mt. 7:3-5)...
- 3) _____ 7:4
 - A culture caught between political correctness/incorrectness needs frankness!
- 4) _____ 2:4, 7:12
 - The need to write the tough words before speaking the tough words sometimes...
- 5) _____ 7:8-11
 - Sorrow leading us closer to God?!!
- 6) _____ 7:1
 - Knowing who we answer to helps us with life's answers (2Tim.2:1-4)...

**God is at work in this world. Where did you "see/sense" Him this week?*

Read: John 1:43-51

**Nathanael had an experience under a fig tree that Jesus used to lead him to follow Jesus. What's an experience in your life you've had that God used to lead you to follow Him more closely too?*

Movie Review: Ep.2 "I Saw You" (~50 min.)

**Philip plays a key role in this episode both in leading his friend Nathanael to Jesus as well as being a friend to Matthew. Have you ever had a Philip in your life? Who do you think God is challenging you now to be a Philip to (be specific...write a name even!)?*

**In this episode, Matthew expresses how he feels "outside the circle." Has there been a time in your life you've felt "outside the circle" too? Explain.*