

2 Corinthians 1:1-2 Study Questions

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Challenge Reading for the Week: Read all of 2 Corinthians to get the entire context.

Have you ever avoided reading a book of the Bible because you couldn't quite understand it? What are some steps you could take to help you understand one that may be difficult to read?

Paul begins 2 Corinthians by calling himself an apostle. Read Acts 9:1-19 and Acts 26:12-18 recounting Paul's conversion and commissioning by Jesus. **Why do you think it's important for Paul to establish his credibility in this way?**

Peter affirms Paul's letters as the equivalent of Scripture. 2 Peter 3:15-16 says, "And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures."

Practically speaking, his words in letters like 2 Corinthians carry just as much weight as the words of Jesus himself. We count them as part of Scripture, the Word of God. **Why is this such an important point?**

Background: Read Acts 18 to familiarize yourself with the beginning of the Corinthian church.

Extra Credit: Do some research on the Corinthian Church using a commentary or online resource.

In verse 2 of the opening verses, Paul calls Jesus "Lord". He says in 4:5, "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake"

What is the significance of Jesus being called Lord?

If Jesus is Lord of our lives, how does that practically change the way we live?

What areas of your life do you find hard to let Jesus be Lord?

Father, give us ears to hear your words in 2 Corinthians. Open our hearts to hear your Word. Please make us fertile soil to receive the message you want us to hear. Thank you Father for sending your Son. Thank you for His sacrifice. Thank you for His love. We surrender each day to you.