

GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

May 30, 2021 2 Corinthians 11:1-15 "Marks of a True Minister"

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1. ICEBREAKER: Have you encountered someone with a wrong view of Jesus? How did you go about engaging that individual with the truth of Christ's person and work?
- 2. How can we guard ourselves from drifting into wrong views of Jesus? What are the means that God has given us to guard us from this? How might this growth group play a role in keeping the truth of Christ at the forefront of our minds?
- 3. V. 3 On passionate devotion to Jesus growing cold, Tony mentioned three ways that this might happen: (1) False teachers who lead us astray (2) Relationships, especially ones in which sexual promiscuity reigns (3) Slow drift.
 - How can we ensure that our passionate devotion to Jesus does not grow cold? Why is "guarding our mind" such an important part of this?
- 4. On being on guard against false teachers, what are some things we should look for in false teachers? How can we be vigilant (on guard against false teachers) without venturing into unhelpful, or unhealthy, suspicion of one another?
- 5. On v.6 Tony said, "God can mediate his truth through all kinds of communicators—that should give us all hope" and "...the benefit of hearing from a clay pot is that the gospel will be what shines, not the communicator."
 - How might this perspective encourage us in our efforts at communicating the gospel to those who do not yet know Christ?
 - Do you find yourself valuing eloquence of speech over faithful proclamation? If so, why do you think that might be?
 - How can we combat unbiblical notions and standards of communication and leadership in the church? Why do you think this will always be a front on which we will have to fight?