



Real Life Ministry ~ 2 Corinthians 7:9-16
May 24, 2026

Questions for the Community

What does the Bible say? (goal: go slow, notice the text, let God speak for Himself in the words of His book)

1. Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-10. What contrast does Paul make between godly grief and worldly grief? (what does each produce? where do they take us?)
2. In verse 11, what “fruit” or evidence did repentance produce in the Corinthians?
3. Why was Paul ultimately rejoicing? Was he happy that they were hurting? What did it ‘cost’ Paul to accomplish this great joy with this church?
4. Discuss the role of grief and repentance in the life of a Christian. How does God use this in our life? How do we think of these with one another?

What does it mean? (goal: get to the heart of the text by understanding what Paul is teaching then and how it relates to now)

5. Why do you think grief is often necessary for real change and repentance?
6. What does it mean to see sin from God’s view rather than our own? How specifically are we able to do this?
7. The sermon described worldly grief as “movement without progress.” What are some examples of this in real life?
8. Why is repentance often missing or minimized in modern Christianity?
9. Why do you think Paul considered hard conversations and correction an act of love?
10. What stood out to you from the idea that church hurt can sometimes become an opportunity for growth, repentance, healing, and restoration?

What do I do? (goal: move from understanding to faithful, obedient lived response; this is sometimes plain and sometimes requires listening in prayer)

11. Is there an area of sin where you have experienced worldly grief instead of godly grief? What did that produce?
12. What would it look like for you to truly “get on God’s side” about a specific sin or struggle?
13. Are there relationships in your life right now that require a hard conversation done in love?
14. Is there any restitution or restoration you need to pursue with someone you have hurt? Take the next step today. Don’t wait.
15. The sermon emphasized that repentance produces visible fruit. What evidence of repentance would someone see in your life right now?
16. What practical habits help you move toward repentance instead of hiding, minimizing, or excusing sin?
17. Spend time in prayer together: grieve, confess, receive grace from Jesus!