



Connecting Group Questions

Sunday AM Sermon 1-10-2010

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

"Our Inner Nature Renewed Day By Day"

- Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; 11:23-30
- What does it mean that we live in a broken world? Why are people not designed to live here on earth forever? Why does it seem like life is so fragile?
- What do you think of this statement: If God is sovereign and in control of everything in our world, to say that human suffering or sickness is wrong or a result of anything other than God's will is actually unbelief? Do you agree?
- Though we may not be able to explain suffering, how can your suffering be a chance to show God's glory or His power through your life? Do you have any examples of this you can think of in your life, or in the life of someone around you?
- What does Paul mean that death is at work in us every day (vs. 12)? How can our theology of life and death inform how we live our life instead of letting our circumstances affect what we believe about God?
- How can you be a "jar of clay" that displays God's glory in your life through pain you are currently experiencing or that you will experience one day?
- How does the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of His presence with us renew us day-to-day? Do you find inward renewing in these promises?
- On a practical level, how can we be very real about our painful experiences in our lives, yet keep an eternal perspective that they are but "slight momentary afflictions" (vs. 17)?

Suggestion verses to memorize: **2 Corinthians 4:7**