November 8, 2020
2 Corinthians 4:1-6

1. What causes you to feel that you are losing heart as you seek to do ministry in our world in the here and now?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6. Why would the things Paul renounces in verse 2 be strong temptations to anyone who does ministry? Why does Paul stress “through his mercy” as a strategy to help us renounce these temptations?

3. Is there an area where you have been tempted to allow the end result (your desired outcome) to justify your means (strategy)? How might succumbing to this temptation reflect poorly on your political positions, your work decisions, or your ministry efforts?

4. In verse 2b, Paul says he defeats the challenges set against his ministry by trusting the truth to speak plainly to the conscience. Why does it take the pressure off to simply trust the truth to work and bring about good ministry?

5. In what ways do you see where the gospel reveals the image of God? Why don't more people believe the gospel? ((vv. 3-4)

6. What is the hope for people to become unveiled and believe? How does this hope motivate us (and also free us) to love, embrace, and fill the world with the mercy that God has shown us? (vv. 5-6)

7. Armed with confidence in God, what is a specific step you can take to let the light of the gospel that was revealed to you take the form of compassion to both the believer and the unbeliever? What does it mean for us to take that specific step under the power of the Holy Spirit?

8. What way might we take a specific step to share the light of the gospel together as a Community Group? Consider a Christmas Outreach project together.