

January 3, 2021 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Our Core Value of Grace

"The church should be a place where lost, hurting, and broken people are free to be authentic while yearning for and moving toward continued growth. Jesus Christ came to seek the lost, heal the brokenhearted, and transform lives to reflect His glory.

Transformation doesn't happen overnight with any of us; it takes place in an environment of both grace and truth – grace that frees us to be transparent about our hurts and failures, and truth that encourages us to walk in obedience to Him."

1. How has this tension between knowing we are loved and accepted in our sin and brokenness, yet still yearning and even striving to be more like Christ manifested itself in your life?

Read 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

2.	What can we learn from Paul about confrontation within the context of Biblical Community? (vv. 1-7)
3.	Consider a time when you either confronted someone else or were confronted about something in your life? Why does confrontation "with love, humility and confidence in them" make all the difference?
4.	How did the Corinthian church receive Paul's confrontation? What is the difference between Godly sorrow and worldly sorrow? (vv. 8-12)
5.	Why is godly sorrow and repentance an ongoing pathway for spiritual growth and formation?
6.	Why does grace filled confrontation lead to comfort, joy and restoration? (vv. 13-16)

- 7. What is your next step to move personally from pseudo to authentic community? Consider the following:
 - a. How can your community places become more transparent places?
 - b. What does it look like to pray like crazy?
 - c. How can you better discuss misunderstandings, hurts, and frustrations?
 - d. How might the outcome of comfort and joy motivate you to experience authentic community?