

2011-12 BSP#2 Group Time Discussion

L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.

(A) “He Opened to Us the Scriptures” - Questions for scriptural reading and discussion

(Time available: 10 minutes. Do at least 2 questions.) 「祂給我們講解了聖經」 - 為讀經及共同討論的問題(用十分鐘時間，至少討論 2 個問題)

1. [L] Read 2:1 and 9. What were the two things that St. Paul did before writing 2 Corinthians that might have caused a strained relationship between St. Paul and the Corinthian church? 請閱讀 2:1 和 9，聖保祿在寫格林多後書之前，曾做了那兩件事，以致他和格林教會間的關係緊張化。
2. [M] Please explain in detail the two things referred to in question 1 above. 請詳細說明前一題中所提的兩件事。
3. [H] Read 2:7-11. Why does Paul not want remedial punishment for sinners to be unduly prolonged or excessively harsh? Where else in 2 Cor does Paul warn about the devil’s schemes?
為何保祿不願將勸戒罪人過錯的懲罰拖延得太久、或施行得太嚴厲？保祿又在格林多人後書中何處講了有關魔鬼伎倆的警告？

(B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Discuss one of the question below for meditation, prayer, and application. (Suggested time: 15 minutes) “我們的心不是火熱的嗎？“為默想，祈禱，實踐”的題目，請用十五分鐘討論以下任何一條問題。

- a) Take a moment to reflect on your relationship with your family members and friends. Do you recall any of their wrongdoings that you have not been able to forgive and forget so far? If you feel comfortable in doing so, please share it with your group members. Do you feel like Satan is “gaining the advantage over” you (2:11) because of your inability to forgive and forget? How? What should you do to resolve this? 請用一點時間想想自己和家人的關係。還記得那讓你無法寬恕或遺忘的傷害？如你感到可以，請與同小組會友分享。你會感到因自己不能寬恕或遺忘而讓撒旦佔了上風？是怎樣的？有什麼辦法去解決呢？
- b) St. Paul instructed that the man in 1 Corinthians 5:1-5 should be dismissed from the Christian community, put out into the dark world beyond the reach of grace. This is a strange and terrible notion, foreign to much of today’s Christianity, where moral standards have declined to the point where all kinds of deviant behavior are tolerated and even celebrated. How do you tend to administer correction to those under you? Does your manner of delivering or not delivering correction communicate love or respect? How is this achieved? 保祿在格前 5:1-5 告訴格林多教會該將一人由基督團體絕離，讓他在沒有聖寵的黑暗中。處於道德下落到任何乖謬行為都可忍受甚或被歡慶的現實中，這處分為現今很多基督信友好像是陌生且極嚴厲的。你會怎樣糾正自己屬下呢？你的施加或不施以勸戒表示了愛與敬嗎？這是如何達成的？

