

SCC SMALL GROUPS
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Celebrating Our Commitment
2 Corinthians 3:16-18 & Philippians 4:8-9

Getting Started:

1. What has been the best celebration you have ever been a part of?
2. Do you have an accent? Where did you get it?

Searching the Scriptures:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 to better understand the context of verses 16-18.
 - * Now read Exodus 34:29-35 to better understand 2 Corinthians 3:7-18.
2. Read Jeremiah 3:19-24 and Romans 3:19-24.
 - * Why did that once glorious, but now condemning covenant of Moses have to be replaced by the new life-giving ever-lasting covenant of Christ?
3. How then, might the Corinthians be reading Moses? How might they read Paul?
 - * How might they receive Christ and reflect His glory?
4. What then is the basis for Paul's (and our) hope and boldness?

5. Read Philippians 4:2-9 to have a better understanding of the context of verses 8-9.

* List the attitudes and virtues endorsed here by Paul.

* Which are uniquely Christian?

* Which attitudes enable people to cope successfully in difficult times?

6. In the matter of resolving conflicts, why does Paul point to himself as an example to follow (v.9)?

* What kind of an example is Paul (cf. 2 Corinthians 1:15-18; 3:2, 17-18)?

Application of the Scriptures:

1. Who, in Christ, first removed the cobwebs which once veiled your "dull mind"?

2. What are some of the "excellent/praiseworthy" things that you can be thinking about this week?