



Sunday 7th October 2018

Unimpressive? : 6. A ministry with the end in view

- What is it about suffering that causes us to lose heart as Christians?
- What does Paul say our perspective to hardship and difficulty should be in this passage?
- How does this change our approach to trials in our lives?
- In 5:1-15 Paul says he longs for a resurrection existence – how practically do you think we can long for the resurrection as we go about physical life in the body?
- In light of what this passage is teaching us – what do you think living by faith not by sight means? How is this different/the same as what most people assume ‘faith’ to mean?
- Considering this passage as a whole – how would you sum up why Paul does not despair in the face of difficulty?
- What are the situations in which we might be called to ‘give up life’ in order to serve the LORD?
- If someone asked you ‘How can you believe in God when Christians seem to suffer so much?’ How would you answer them from this part of 2 Corinthians?