

COMPELLED BY LOVE

Further Study Questions The Week of March 30, 2008

2 Corinthians 5:14

1. Have you ever known someone who has a heart for people who are lost? A real passion to reach out to those who don't yet know Jesus as their Savior?
2. Spend a few minutes looking again at the life of Paul, thinking through the magnitude of people he touched for Christ. What stories of Paul's missionary journeys impacted you the most? (1st - Acts 13-14; 2nd - 15:36-18:22; 3rd - 18:23-20:38.)
3. Look carefully at 2 Corinthians 11:16-33. What is it that compels Paul to keep going? Be honest with yourself... What would compel you to go on under even one of these circumstances?
4. Notice especially verse 29. What caused Paul's heart to burn? Knowing who Paul was in the past and what Christ had done for him, why was he so compelled to reach out to the lost?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. What should compel us? Why should we be compelled to think of others as Paul was driven to reach those who did not know the Good News of Christ? What does it mean that we "should no longer live for ourselves?"
6. In 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 Paul says that God has "committed to us the message" and that God is "making his appeal through us." How much did Christ love me to give me all he had, so that I could gain this precious gift of life? What is he asking of me?

THINK ON THIS

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 says that God is counting on me to be his ambassador and that He is using me to make his appeal to those who do not yet know him. I wonder, then, whom will do His will and reach out if I don't? God, help me see those who need you the way that Paul did! Help me to be open to your Spirit's leading to reach out to the lost. Amen.

