GODLY SORROW

2 Corinthians 7:5–16

Key Verse: 7:10

1. How did Paul describe what he and his coworkers were going through when they came into Macedonia? (5; cf. 2:13) How did God comfort them? (6) What news did Titus bring them? (7)
2. What letter was Paul referring to, why had he written it, and why did he regret it? (8; 2:1,3,4) Why was he happy now? (9)
3. Read verse 10. What is “godly sorrow”? (Jas4:8,9) How did David (Ps51:1–11) and Peter (Mt26:74,75) exemplify it? In contrast, what is “worldly sorrow?” Review the examples of Cain (Ge4:13,14), Saul (1Sa15:24–26), and Judas Iscariot (Mt27:3–5). How can we experience godly sorrow, and why is this so important?
4. What did godly sorrow produce in the Corinthians? (11,7b) What is Paul referring to specifically? (2:5–8) What can we learn from this? What was Paul’s ultimate purpose in writing them? (12b)
5. How had the Corinthians’ repentance affected both Paul and Titus? (13; see also verse 4) How did Paul’s boasting turn out to be true? (14) What other results did their repentance produce? (15,16)