SPREADING THE AROMA OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 2:12–3:6

Key Verse: 2:14

1. How did Paul describe his travels? (2:12,13) Where was Troas? What do we know about Titus, and why was Paul so urgent to meet him? What can we learn in these verses about Paul?
2. Read verse 14. Find out what you can about the elements of a triumphant procession in ancient Rome. What did Paul mean that he and his coworkers were “captives” in Christ’s? What does it mean to “spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere,” and how can we do this practically?
3. What did Paul add to this description? (15) How do people respond differently to this aroma of Christ, and why? (16) What else did Paul say about his ministry? (17)
4. What questions does Paul ask, and why? (3:1) What did he say about the Corinthian believers, and why is this important? (2,3)
5. How did this impact Paul? (4) Where did he say his competence came from, and what does this mean? (5,6a) How and why did he contrast the old and new covenants? (6b)