

3. The true Christian servant boasts in the Lord. (2 Corinthians 10:18)

Table Talk

- 1) What are some ways that people can express an attitude of spiritual superiority because of their personal spiritual journey?
- 2) Is respect for authority increasing or decreasing? Where do you observe the lack of respect for authority? What might be some factors why people believe in their own authority? Why is Paul unashamed to present his own qualifications as an authority for the Corinthian church? Do you think that this is a model to be followed? Why or why not?
- 3) In what ways does the contemporary church act like the Corinthian church in promoting the comparison of effectiveness in public speaking?
- 4) How can we avoid the trap of comparing ourselves with one another in order to make ourselves look good and others (who might actually be more godly) look bad?
- 5) Why is Paul seeking increased influence? (v. 16) How can we develop that hunger for the "lands beyond"?
- 6) Ultimately, who is the one that we should desire to receive a commendation from? How can we live this week to seek that commendation rather than seeking to commend ourselves?