



### 3. Boasting of things that show weakness (2 Corinthians 11:30-33)

#### **Table Talk**

- 1) Why is it that true spiritual abusers all too frequently are accorded great respect while genuine Christian servants are disrespected? (vv. 16-22)
- 2) What kinds of “qualifications” in v. 22 are real qualifications of the Christian servant? Why were those “qualifications” regarded so highly? In what ways can family or relational connections be misused to assert one’s authority or leadership qualification?
- 3) What kinds of “qualifications” does Paul present in vv. 23-29? How is that list different from the one that Paul’s opponents assert? Why is intense suffering a reasonable qualification for Christian service?
- 4) Paul’s opponents boasted in things that showed their strengths. How does Paul boast in his weaknesses? (vv. 30-31) How does Paul’s story of his early escape from persecution advance his point of boasting in weakness? (vv. 32-33)