

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

## 2014-2015 Area Bible Studies

### The Book of 2 Corinthians

**Theme: ‘The paradox of Christian service: strength through weakness; glory through suffering.’**

<sup>5</sup>Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God... <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies...<sup>17</sup>For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal... <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich... <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.’ (2 Cor. 3:5; 4:7-10, 17-18; 8:9; 12:8-10 ESV).

Lesson	Lesson Title	2 Corinthians	W Houston	NW Houston	Sugar Land
1	<a href="#">Back to the Corinthians</a>	1:1-2	Sep. 2	Sep. 3	Sep. 4
2	<a href="#">The God of Comfort and Deliverance</a>	1:3-11	Sep. 16	Sep. 17	Sep. 18
3	<a href="#">The Trouble with Travels</a>	1:12-2:4	Sep. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2
4	<a href="#">The Victory Parade</a>	2:5-17	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23
5	<a href="#">A Ministry of Greater Glory</a>	3:1-18	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30
6	<a href="#">Jars of Clay</a>	4:1-18	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20
7	<a href="#">Home Is Where the LORD Is</a>	5:1-10	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4
8	<a href="#">The Ministry of Reconciliation</a>	5:11-6:2	Dec. 16	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
9	<a href="#">Bringing Holiness to Completion</a>	6:3-7:1	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22
10	<a href="#">Titus to the Rescue!</a>	7:2-16	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5
11	<a href="#">Christian Economics</a>	8:1-24	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 19
12	<a href="#">Cheerful Giving</a>	9:1-15	March 3	March 4	March 5
13	<a href="#">The Gravitas of Paul</a>	10:1-18	March 17	March 18	March 19
14	<a href="#">Paul vs. the Angel of Light</a>	11:1-15	March 31	April 1	April 2
15	<a href="#">The Cost of Apostleship</a>	11:16-33	April 14	April 15	April 16
16	<a href="#">Power in Weakness</a>	12:1-10	April 28	April 29	April 30
17	<a href="#">The Best Defense Is a Good Offense</a>	12:11-21	May 12	May 13	May 14
18	<a href="#">Third Time’s the Charm</a>	13:1-14	May 26	May 27	May 28

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