



Open Heart: Living in Christ With Nothing to Hide
Open to Correction
2 Corinthians 2:3-13 & 7:5-10 | October 25th - 31st, 2015

Warm Up: Pastor George said, “ Here’s the problem... We don’t allow people to speak into our lives.” Why don’t we? What barriers do we place or put up in our life to hinder this?

- **Read 2 Cor. 2:3-13** aloud. What was the primary motivation of Paul’s heart in writing this letter? Why was it so important to Paul that the Corinthian church handle properly the restoration of this individual? What can happen to the church when this doesn’t occur?
- There were six areas identified where the “enemy” tries to attack individuals and our response as a people whose lives are in Christ together:

Enemy’s Plan

Bitter
Divided
Isolated
Hidden
Competitive
Shallow

Life in Jesus Together

Forgiving
Unified
Connected
Open
Gracious
Deep and Open

What area of the enemy’s plan do you struggle with?

- Read aloud Galatians 6:1-3 -- Note and discuss the key words and themes in these verses. Discuss within your group: What conditions or circumstances need to be present in your Life Group to live out these verses? What does carrying each other’s burdens look like?
- Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22 lays out a biblical way we are to approach and correct fellow believers. Why do you believe Jesus laid out this approach to His disciples? What are the benefits to us as individuals if handled in this manner? We need to ask ourselves if confronted - Are we willing to listen? If so, how should we respond?

Wrap Up: George closed this week’s message with a story of a young woman on a perilous journey - who encountered two people one who offered to lead and the other to follow (encourage) as she went on her journey. Close your time in prayer asking God to bring people into your life that will lead and encourage us in our walks. Pray for deep and open relationships.