

COMFORT ONE ANOTHER

As preached on Sunday, October 20th

Read: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

1. Take a moment to read again through Paul's list of troubles found in 2 Corinthians 11:23-29. What would your list look like?
2. There are some who suggest that a devout Christian will not suffer in this world, that God will protect them from all troubles, sickness, and disease. How do you feel about this? Can you think of any biblical passages that support this view?
3. We know that Paul experienced trouble in this life. Take a moment to read Hebrews 2:14-18. What encouragement can we take from this truth?
4. In vv.3-4 Paul says that the "God of all comfort" comforts us in all our troubles. How does God provide his comfort? In what ways has he comforted you?
5. How do you feel about the second half of v.4? (from "so that" on) Does it feel like a burden to you, or an opportunity? Why?
6. When we suffer, we sometimes prefer to suffer alone. Yet, suffering and the receiving of God's comfort can unite us as Christians. In what ways can our suffering and God's comfort unite us?
7. On Sunday, four suggestions were offered to aid us in passing God's comfort on to others. What were those four suggestions and which is the most challenging for you?