

Christ is Paul's Boast

2 Corinthians 12:1-21 (page 1165)

Space to take notes on the talk

Starter question

- ❖ How would you answer the typical interview question: 'What is your biggest weakness?'

Responding to the talk

1. What point from this week's sermon most surprised, challenged or encouraged you?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-7a
 - a. What might people find impressive about someone who had the kind of visions Paul talks about in these verses?
 - b. Why doesn't Paul want to boast about such experiences?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10
 - a. How do we know that Paul's 'thorn in the flesh' was something painful for him?
 - b. What was good about his 'thorn in the flesh'?
 - c. We don't know what Paul's 'thorn in the flesh' was, but what modern day experiences might be examples of a 'thorn in the flesh'?
 - d. What does Paul mean by, 'When I am weak, then I am strong?' (vs. 10)
4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:11-21
 - a. Why should the Corinthians have commended Paul?
 - b. Why is Paul keen not to be a burden to the Corinthians?
 - c. What has been Paul's aim in this letter?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. How can we better value our weaknesses as Christians?
11. What might we do differently to better strengthen one another in faith?