**2 Corinthians 6:3-10**

*Bible Study Questions*

Can you think of an example of someone’s life not matching their message?

The title at the beginning of verse 3 isn’t really in the best place. The main sentence in verse 1 is carried on all the way through to the end of our passage. That means the main thought is “we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.” The phrase “we put no stumbling block in anyone’s path” describes the circumstances of his urging. This matters because he isn’t boasting about himself or even commending himself. He’s ensuring that they don’t reject God by rejecting him.

So, we read of how Paul lived a life that was in line with the gospel he proclaimed.

**Read** 6:3-13

Verses four and five describe hardship’s Paul’s endured. Can you think of examples from Acts where Paul experienced ‘beatings, imprisonments and riots, etc.’?

What was it that led Paul to endure these trials?

What do you or your friends and family undergo hardships for?

Are there areas we struggle to undergo hardships for the gospel?

If the gospel is about Christ’s victory over sin and death, why does the Christian life still include suffering?

Verses six and seven describe Paul’s character. But *what* does he do ‘in purity’ (look back to v. 3)?

How do you ‘commend’ yourself ‘in purity’?

How do you ‘commend’ yourself ‘in understanding’?

‘in patience’?

‘in kindness’? (You get the idea!)

Verses eight to ten describe the contexts in which Paul endured.

On the spectrum of ‘glory and dishonour,’ where does the Church in England stand? Why?

Has the position of Christians on this spectrum changed over time? How?

Can you think of an example of when you might speak the gospel in with genuine concern, yet be seen as being an ‘imposter’?

How would you feel about being in dishonour for Christ?