

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6

Lesson 4: Who is Qualified for Ministry?

LEARN from the Text

Introduction

1. Those who REFLECT Jesus (2 Cor 2:14-2:17; Acts 20:26-27)

2. Those who REST in Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:1-6)

Exodus 3:11 / Exodus 3:12, 4:11

Colossians 2:13-15

Colossians 1:11-14

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LIVE in light of the Text

1. In our contemporary North American culture as Christian beliefs and values are becoming less and less popular, it can sometimes feel like we are on the losing side of the battle. How does the image of Jesus leading Christians in triumphal procession encourage or challenge you today?
2. Paul warns the Corinthians about those who peddle the word of God for profit. How does this warning personally challenge or convict you? Have you ever gone into a ministry situation with mixed motives - wanting to somehow gain something from it (finances, fame / recognition / sense of self-worth etc)? Do you have any advice as to how we can guard ourselves from this temptation?
3. When are you tempted to NOT simply reflect Jesus, but instead soften or cut the edges off the gospel?
4. In the 2nd section of her talk, Kristal mentioned that we can fall into 2 ditches: the ditch of self-reliance, or the ditch of self-doubt. When it comes to feeling qualified for ministry, which ditch do you more regularly fall into? Why do you think this is the case?
5. Pray for each other - that in every area of ministry we would accurately reflect Jesus, and rest in Jesus.