

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **March 2, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), “Treasure in ‘Plain, Brown Wrappers’” (MISSIONS CONFERENCE). Please read the sermon passage (2 Corinthians 4:1-18) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (2 Corinthians 4:1-18)

Sermon Outline:

1. **We are really different from one another in lots of ways.**
2. **We have the most crucial things in common (v. 7)**
 - a. We have the exact same treasure (Christ Jesus and his Gospel).
 - b. We are all jars of clay—plain and breakable.
 - c. The vessel is not important—it’s what’s inside that really counts.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Our differences that we hold on to too tightly separate us needlessly. Your background, your opinions, your reactions, your way of ministering, your gifts—if you’re not careful, your whole identity can get wrapped up in how you differ from others—even within the church. What do you hold on to so tightly that it has begun to separate you from others who serve Christ?
2. In what ways have you reversed the idea that “it’s not about me, it’s all about Christ”?
3. When you have Christ in common, and his gospel unnecessary boundaries are broken down. What does it really mean to possess Christ, and to hold him up as your treasure?
4. You and I are plain and ordinary vessels of everyday use. Everyday vessels are typically inexpensive and they sometimes break. In what way are you broken?
5. When vessels break, whatever is inside them spills out. What spills out of your brokenness? What’s the bad stuff? What’s the godly stuff?