

Gospel Growth Fall Study

Lesson 2: Bad People Make Good Missionaries

Begin using on September 11, 2016

1. Our televisions are full of ads for personal improvement products (*hair restoration, weight loss, acne reduction, etc.*). All these ads include before and after pictures of satisfied customers. Why? Why not just show the after pictures?

Read I Timothy 1:12-17.

2. When Paul thinks about his salvation what does he credit himself with doing, and what does he credit God with doing? (*If time allows consider this question from I Corinthians 6:9-11 as well*).

3. Why did Paul, and by extension you receive mercy? (*Paul both states an answer and portrays an answer*).

4. Paul calls himself the “foremost sinner.” Many people have suggested that in our own eyes we are all the “foremost sinner” because we know our own sin more than anyone else’s. How might reflecting on our own sinful past and present help us to grow in our faith? (*Perhaps you should take some time to do that reflection. Consider rewriting verse 13 for your own life*).

5. How can you wisely make your sins known so that God’s mercy can be more clearly seen? (*Paul seems to indicate that this sort of sharing can and should be done*) Who is a person that has a perception that you are perfect and would benefit from knowing more of your story?

