

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from January 29, 2012
Minimizing the Risks of Foolish Boasting
2 Corinthians 11:16-21**

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-21 carefully and make as many observations as possible.

Compare 2 Corinthians 11:1 with 2 Corinthians 11:16 and note any similarities.

What did Paul mean when he said, “What I am saying, I am not saying as the Lord would?”

Did Paul really mean to convey in 2 Corinthians 11:19 that the Corinthians were truly “wise?”

How did Paul see the Corinthians being treated by his opponents?

Why did Paul say that it was to “his shame” that he must say that he and his associates had been weak by comparison?

Applying the sermon

Explain why humility is an essential component in living the Christian life.

What are the dangers of “boasting according to the flesh” to yourself and to those whom you have influence over?

Conversely, what are the benefits of “boasting in the Lord” to yourself and to those whom you have influence over?

What kind of boasting characterizes your life?

If “boasting in the Lord” does not characterize your life, what disciplines do you need to add, and what importance will you put on them?