THE DEATH AND LIFE OF JESUS

2 Corinthians 4:7–5:10

Key Verse: 4:10

1. In this entire passage, how many times does Paul repeat the words “we,” “our” and “us,” and why do you think he does so? When does he use the words “you” or “your”?
2. Read 4:7. What is the “treasure” Paul mentions? (See verse 6) What does the expression “jars of clay” tell us? (cf. Job4:19) What is “this all-surpassing power”? (1Co2:4,5) Why is it so important to show that it comes from God, not us?
3. How and why does Paul describe what we experience in ministry? (8,9) Read verse 10. What does it mean to “always carry around in our body the death of Jesus”? (1:5; Ro8:17; Php3:10; Col1:24) Why is living this way necessary? (10b–12) What lessons can we learn here about gospel ministry?
4. How can we keep speaking about Jesus? (13) What conviction and hope did Paul share? (14) What outcomes did he see as a result of his ministry, and what does this tell us about him? (15) How does living by the gospel help us persevere? (16) How should we see our sufferings? (17) What should we do, and why? (18)
5. What is our hope? (5:1) Meanwhile, what do we experience? (2–4) Why do we “groan”? How can we be sure of this hope? (5) What is our confidence, preference and goal? (6–9) What other gospel truth do we need to always keep in mind? (10)