

## Restoration

What did you learn or were challenged by in the last chapter of Paul's second letter?

Read: 2 Corinthians 13:5-14

### Aim for restoration

The Apostles heart throughout these two letters was for the Corinthian church to be living holy and righteous lives, restored in Christ Jesus, restored in relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and restored as the church of God.

As we heard of Sunday, thinking about restoration as apposed to being made perfect, these three questions will help us to check out if we are restored in Christ's love.

Ask yourself and discuss:

#### 1. **Am I honest?** (with God, myself and others)

Read: Nathan's encounter with King David 2 Samuel 12:1-7a

Read: Acts 5: 1-5. Ananias & Sapphira

Some times we are aware of our dishonesty, at other times it needs to be challenged by others. Can you think of ways that will help you to live honestly?

#### 2. **Am I clean?**

Read: Matthew 23:25-26

We can often 'look clean on the outside', saying the right things, doing the right things, but what about deep inside? Are there things you hide from others? How can we come clean with other people and have our hearts cleansed healed and be restored? What will stop this happening?

Read: John 13:1-11

The enemy would want to trap us into rehearsing how dreadful a sinner I was or still am. ( I am a worm, I am useless, I always end up failing, I am a shameful sinner, feeling condemned etc) Does any of this sound familiar? The truth is we are saints, and have received the righteousness of Christ! How can I live in grace and freedom?

#### 3. **Am I trustworthy?**

Read: Ephesians 6:13 part of being trustworthy is to stand firm, not to drift, and to finish well. What is going to stop this happening in my life?

Reflect and discuss these challenging verses. 2 Timothy 2:11-13

If you have time read John 21:15-17 and reflect on how Jesus restores us.