

2 Corinthians 6:3—13 | OPENNESS AND HONESTY

Study Questions from 05.05.2019 sermon

Introduction

- i. Read 2 Corinthians 6:3—13
- ii. What verse reveals Paul's honesty?
- iii. What verses reveal Paul's openness?
- iv. Where else in the New Testament reveals Paul's openness and honesty?

Why?

- v. Why does Paul plead with them in v13 to "open wide your hearts also"?
- vi. Why should we be open and honest at Argyle? (7 reasons were given in the sermon)

Mask-wearing

- vii. Often church culture can be a mask-wearing culture. Author Mark Meynell talks about how in churches there's a tendency to wear a mask "*We present a good front; we wear the respectability mask, which shows all is fine. We have perfected the art of looking good. Of presenting a polished facade. But this way of doing church is the shortcut to spiritual despair or pervasive hypocrisy or both.*" Why do we have this tendency?
- viii. What are the pros and cons of mask-wearing?

How can we be open and honest?

- ix. The full-orbed beauty of the gospel empowers us to take off our masks and be open and honest with each other. This is because it gives us security. Discuss what gospel security is and how it helps us be open and honest.
- x. Is it possible to receive the gospel but not fully possess it? Explain your answer.
- xi. Discuss how the "Gospel changes how we respond to weaknesses/sin/shame/failure."