

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Mistaken Identities”  
Complement to sermon on 7/07/2019 – “Our True Identities”**

**ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. From which parent could you count on a “no” reply to a request? A “yes” reply? Which one waffled? Why was that?
2. What is one life accomplishment that gives you great joy?

**MEMORIZE – 2 Corinthians 1:20**

For all the promises of God find their “Yes” in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

**READ – Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-22**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. In verse 8, Paul states *“For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.”* What pressures is Paul facing that would cause him to despair even of life? (see 2 Corinthians 7:5-7 and Acts 19:23-41)
4. What does Paul say is the “reason for our afflictions”? (see verses 9,10) What pressures may be causing you to despair? What was the source of comfort for Paul which he wanted to pass along to the Christians in Corinth? (read 1:3-7)
5. As you read vs. 11-19, what does Paul boast of? What does he say is the basis of his integrity regarding his response to the Christians in Corinth? Who does he say is at the center of his life? (vs. 19)
6. From 1:15-17, of what may Paul have been accused? How does he account for his change of plans? (1:23-2:2)
7. Paul writes that God fulfills all his promises in Christ. (vs 18,20). Read the following verses to see more of God’s attitude to his promises to us. (2 Peter 1:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; Hebrews 10:23; Hebrews 6:13-20)

## **Experiential – Gathering up the Promises**

As a group (or individual), write down some of God's promises from the Bible. On construction paper, Complete the statement “God promises...” After writing them down, cut out around the promises. Take turns gluing the promises to a poster board. As one of the group places a promise on the poster board, talk about the promise and what it means to them. Write 2 Cor. 1:20 on a long piece of paper and glue that on the poster, as well. Read the Bible verse together several times during the sharing time.

## **Testimony Time**

Take turns remembering how God kept a particular promise in your life? Encourage each other by giving thanks to God for his precious promises to us.

## **SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)**

**Your Promises** by Elevation Worship - [https://youtu.be/Rr3o6M0\\_lxs](https://youtu.be/Rr3o6M0_lxs)

As you worship with this song, hold on to the promises of God for you. They are all “yes” in Jesus!

**Blessed Assurance** – Mennonite Hymnal #544

Give thanks to God as you sing this great hymn of praise for the promise of our salvation through faith in Christ.

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Heavenly Father, all praise we bring to you for your exceeding great and precious promises to us. All of them are centered on Jesus Christ our Savior and are all “Yes” in him. May we hold onto and live out those promises as we love and serve you today. Amen