# 2Cor 10-13 Walking through treacle 12. Prepare to be misunderstood

## What does the perfect you look like?

## How do you become like that?

# God knows how to produce Christlikeness in you

## It starts with grace

## It continues with humility

### Pauls’ experience was contributing to producing Christlikeness

### He found failures made the biggest contribution

## It’s done through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit

# The kingdom of God is an upside-down world

## When a person becomes a Christian they take on a new way of life

### They are transferring their allegiance from the way things are to the way God wants them to be

## After that there comes a transformation of the you as you are to the you as you will be

### This is a slow process because we have to change so much from the culture we were brought up in to the culture of the Kingdom of God

## When you’re walking through treacle you will come up against people who will judge you

# Grounding yourself in truth

## You have God with you

## You have the blood of Christ cleansing you from all unrighteousness

## The peace of God is set to rule in your heart

## The Holy Spirit is working within you

## You have the promise of an eternal home made good through the resurrection of Jesus

## You have different goals

# What have you done to prove your worthiness to God?

## Ministry is best done in brokenness

### Mended people better reflect the grace of God!

### What has God done to include you?

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# 2 Cor 10:1-17

## Paul starts with ‘the gentleness and humility of Christ’

### Why do you think this is an important starting point for Paul in his argument?

### How does this frame his answer about comparing people?

# 2 Cor 11:1-4

## What gospel (version of the good news) is Paul afraid of?

### In what way is the church at Corinth being deceived or diverted?

### How can churches receive a ‘different Spirit’?

# 2 Cor 11:5-15

## Paul has been compared to the ‘super-apostles’ (James, John, Peter, et al) and denigrated for a lack of training

### How does he answer these charges?

### How does he attack these charges?

# 2 Cor 11:16-12:10

## What’s the point Paul is making in ‘boasting about weakness’?

### Does this mean mature Christians should be denying their strengths?

#### Explain your answer

### How does being lowered in a basket show Paul’s weakness?

## Paul’s ‘thorn in the flesh’ has been much discussed by scholars

### What do you think it was?

### Why was his answer to prayer about it so significant to Paul?

# 2 Cor 12:11-13:10

## Paul is NOT defending himself! (12:19)

### So what is he trying to do and what is his motive according to this section?

# 2 Cor 13:11-14

## Why do you think it is important for Paul to remind them to rejoice?

### What attitudes and virtues is he commending in this section?

#### How do these compare to the core values of Christianity?