

# DISCUSSIONNOTES

9.8.19

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HUMBLE - REAL - DETERMINED - CERTAIN - CONTAGIOUS

Begin by reading **Psalm 11:3**. As Jamie begins this new series, it's been said the key verses in 2 Corinthians 3:1-18 teach us to be humble, trust God and these truths can help you be calm and confident in uncertain times. What do you hope to learn in this series? Jamie had a sermon packed full of punches with how Christians should be and act in uncertain times. Read **2 Corinthians 3:1-3** and then discuss what Paul is saying. What do you struggle with most in living the Christian life? Fear? Insecurity? Explain.

Read **2 Corinthians 3:4-5**. How can we have Paul's confidence in God and what God can do instead of us being worried of people's approval? Why is telling yourself and your kids "You can do anything!" "Believe in yourself!" a lie? Read **Psalm 27:1-3** and **2 Timothy 4:16-18**. Jamie said, *"To trust in Jesus, and not self, takes humility because you have to swallow your pride and admit you need help."* What happens when we confess, let go, admit our mistakes to God? *"Have you ever thought about how the Christian life is filled with so many ironies? We die to live. We give to receive. We lose self to find self. We surrender to win the victory. Here's another irony: we humble ourselves to be honored; we admit our inadequacy to be confident. It takes humility to admit we're not able to handle all of life's challenges."* Explain how you've seen God help and give you strength once you humbled yourself and handed it over to Him.

***The Christian should be confident about death because we depend on grace not law.*** Read **2 Corinthians 3:7-9**. We have freedom from fear of aging and death and freedom from being so obsessed about what other people think. Only Jesus can change our lives from the inside out. This change happens when you confess and give your life to Jesus and are baptized; then your nature is changed. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**. What would you say to someone who is considering baptism? What would you share with them? Discuss.

Read **2 Corinthians 4:16**. *Someone said humility isn't thinking less of yourself; it's just thinking of yourself less.* How can one practice being humble and more concerned about God's opinion than other peoples? Why is it so hard for some? Explain and then close by praying for people to focus on being bold and confident in God.