

### The Heart of the Matter

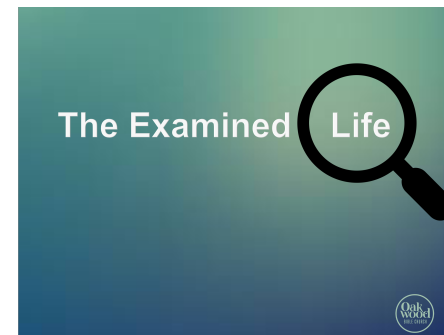
12. As you examine yourself to see if you are in the faith, what have you discovered about yourself?

13. What areas of your life do you still need to work on in doing “what is right”?

14. In which areas of your life will you aim for “perfection” (13:9) this week? In which areas will you be content with “weakness” (12:9-10)?

15. Who do you need to pray for this week who might be struggling with these things?

### Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### The Examined Life 2 Corinthians 13:5-11 For the Week of December 27, 2020

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When you were in school what did you do to prepare for big exams? Was it helpful?
3. What are some of the big tests that you have gone through in your life?



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### **Digging Deeper**

4. Acts 18 records Paul's first visit to Corinth, and Acts 20:2-3 alludes to what must've been his third visit. Given that he likely stayed there three months, what do you think happened as a result of this letter?

5. Paul prefers to come to them in “the gentleness and meekness of Christ” (10:1) and as a loving parent (12:14-15). According to verse 2 how will he come, instead, if repentance has not occurred? How does this relate to the ministry of Jesus?

6. While they have been critical of Paul’s “credentials” all along, what does he tell them to do in verse 5? From this passage what is the main focus of this test?

7. How can we tell if Christ is truly in us? What attributes should we see flying out of us as we live our lives for Him (Galatians 5:22-26)?

8. What does Paul pray for them in verses 7-9? Why is this so significant?

9. Throughout the New Testament we are called to be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:49; 1 John 3:2). Who is the One who makes this possible?

10. In verses 10-11 what does Paul hope for as he considers his upcoming visit? In what ways does the church wrestle with these principles today?

11. Considering the problems of the Corinthian church, how would Paul’s benediction in verse 14 be so appropriate?