

**Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**



**October 6, 2024**

**“Love for the World ”** - #5 in the series *In Good Faith: Our Love Is Our Witness*

**Texts Referenced (NIV):** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:14; John 3:16-17

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Knowing what motivates us to act or behave in specific ways is not always easy. What motivations might drive people in these kinds of situations?
  - Dock workers strike
  - Me Too protests
  - Natural disaster relief
  - Hospice care
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 6: 3-13.**

Paul confronts the church's opposition at Corinth and their charges that he's an imposter.

  - How do you think Paul's detractors might have reacted to this lengthy and detailed account of his actions?
  - What do vs. 11-13 tell us about his motivation in this circumstance and in his life's work more broadly?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14; 6:1-2.**

These verses provide a preface to Paul's response to the criticisms the Christians at Corinth had lodged against him.

  - How do his words help us understand love as a motivation in our response to life situations?
  - How do you suppose Paul was able to address those who were against him without anger?
5. **Read John 3:16-17.**
  - How do these verses fit into the discussion of our motivations for the decisions we make and the actions we take, particularly when they are difficult?
6. How can we pray for you?