2015 New Year’s Passage

**THE GOSPEL: GOD’S GLORY IN THE FACE OF CHRIST**

2 Corinthians 4:1–18

Key Verse: 4:6

1. To what does “this ministry” refer, and how did we receive it? (1; 3:7–11) What causes gospel workers to lose heart, and why does “this ministry” keep us from doing so? (1–2) How should we carry out this ministry?

2. When the gospel is preached plainly, why do some people not receive it? (3–4; Jn3:19–20) What does the light of the gospel display? How is the glory of Christ different from worldly glory Satan uses to blind people? What is the main point of gospel preaching? (5)

3. Read verse 6. How does God enlighten the hearts of those who believe? (Ge1:3; Jn3:21) In what way is God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ? (Jn1:14; 3:14–16; Ro3:25; Php2:6–11) How does contemplating Christ’s glory transform us? (3:18)

4. What metaphor did Paul use to describe the relationship between the gospel and gospel workers? (7) How do gospel workers live out this truth? (8–9) What does it mean that “we always carry around in our body the death of Jesus”? (10) What are its consequences? (11–12)

5. With what assurance can gospel workers continue to proclaim the gospel? (13–14) What is the ultimate result of gospel preaching? (15) What hope helps us not to lose heart, in spite of many hardships? (16-18)