Sermon Discussion Questions Through it All: Secret Weapons 2 Cor 10:1-12

- What is "the power of and"? Contrast this with the binary language of either in or out. Why do we most often want to default to the "either in or out" language and how can it be harmful? When can "all or nothing" language be helpful?
- 2. How does "the power of *and*" apply to the tenants of Christian liberty *AND* responsibility? Grace *AND* truth?
- 3. Why is it so hard to forgive when we are wronged? Speak to what forgiveness is and what forgiveness isn't.
- 4. In Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, "<u>The Cost of Discipleship</u>", He speaks of the difference between cheap and costly grace. Speak to your personal experience of the blessings and rewards of costly grace and to the pitfalls and consequences of cheap grace.

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline. Communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus, it comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. It is costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."

- 5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. Why is this scripture so important when one considers teaching of any kind or source?
- 6. Pastor Roger spoke of 4 weapons that Christian are called to yield in difficult times: God's design, the Word, grace and the Holy Spirit. How can utilizing these tools be used to diffuse difficult situations?
- 7. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Think of a specific situation where you utilized one of these power spiritual weapons. Share your experience with a spiritual battle and how one of these weapons led the way to victory.

Reading plan for this week:

Monday, March 9 th	2 Corinthians 11:1-6
Tuesday, March 10 th	Hosea 2:16-20
Wednesday, March 11 th	2 Corinthians 11:7-11
Thursday, March 12 th	1 Corinthians 9:3-14
Friday, March 13 th	2 Corinthians 11:12-15
Saturday, March 14 th	Zechariah 13:1-9
Sunday, March 15 th	2 Corinthians 11:1-15.