

Here are some proposed discussion questions for the men's Bible study, which Ellen sent:

1. This quote: “The obviously well kept secret of the ‘ordinary’ is that it is made to be a receptacle of the Divine, a place where the life of God flows...” — Dallas Willard My sermon notes will likely be changing during the week so let’s use these questions:

1. In your opinion, what do people in Silicon Valley generally consider to be: (1) The most prestigious companies to work for? (2) The coolest cars to drive? (3) The best schools to send their kids to? Based on your answers, what might be some of the values our SV culture prioritizes?

2. How would you explain verse 6 in your own words to someone who doesn’t know Christ? What might the fact that the verse references Genesis 1 indicate about the character of God?

3. Which word or phrase in these verses do you especially notice? What is it saying to you?

The Scripture text was 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 New International Version (NIV)

5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.

6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.