Ways to grow as a church ...

Paul ... an unimpressive leader

Paul's appeal

... so he does not have to be bold and discipline those in the church who claim to follow Jesus but who are living according to the standards of the world.

2 Cor 7 ... many have already repented and come back to the gospel

2 Cor 10:6 ... waiting till their obedience is complete

... that is what Jesus was like (Mat 11:29)

Misunderstanding gospel ministry

... he aims to set forth the truth of God plainly. (2 Cor 4:2)

2 Cor 10 ... this simply straight forward proclamation of the gospel is going to demolish the arguments of those who are at war with the gospel.

What is that divine power?

Romans 1:16 - power of God for salvation

2 Cor 4:7 ... all surpassing power that comes from God".

We are at war!

verse 5 ... not merely about winning arguments or debates.

Is this what the gospel is doing in your life?

Is this how you see the gospel transforming the lives of people around you?

A last opportunity to repent.

For us today

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 – The apostles appeal <u>Gospel discipline</u>

... reflects the character of Jesus.

... calling them away from false teachers and back to following Jesus.

Gospel ministry

... is clarity given to the gospel in what we are doing?

Gospel results

... taking our every thought captive and make them obedient to Christ.