

# IN FOCUS

## 2 CORINTHIANS

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

1. **BELONG** – This section isn't a filler but an intentional time to slow down and assess how people are doing in their personal and spiritual lives. Feel free to change the questions, but the point is to truly sit in this moment to allow time and space for encouraging spiritual connection.
  - A. How often do you remember your dreams?
  - B. What is one of your most recent, bizarre, or recurring dreams?
  
2. **DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 together in your group and discuss the questions below. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue, not a monologue. Being a Life Group leader doesn't mean you have to be a subject matter expert on the Bible. It simply means that you are the lead learner. This section is all about discovering the Word together.
  - A. How would you summarize the primary theme of this section of Scripture?
  - B. What encouragement do you find in the passage? What's challenging or uncomfortable?
  - C. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **God**?
    - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
  - D. What truth(s) does this passage teach us about the character of **mankind**?
    - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
  - E. In what ways does Paul's discussion of his "thorn in the flesh" relate to the broader themes of weakness and suffering in the New Testament?
  - F. What does this passage reveal about the nature of spiritual gifts and their relationship to personal weakness and dependence on God?
  
3. **GO** – Take time applying the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups sit and talk about information, they won't experience transformation. This section is about self-reflection and helping one another be accountable to live out what we're learning.
  - A. How can we embrace and accept our weaknesses and limitations rather than strive to project an image of strength and self-sufficiency?
  - B. How can we avoid the trap of comparison and competition and instead celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of each member of the body of Christ?
  - C. What would it look like for us to cultivate a spirit of gratitude and contentment even amid challenging circumstances?
  
4. **PRAYER** – Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time.
  - A. Pray for the wisdom and discernment to recognize and accept our weaknesses and limitations and for the courage to rely more fully on God's grace and power.
  - B. Pray for those experiencing hardship or suffering so that they may be strengthened and encouraged by God's presence and provision.