

IN FOCUS

2 CORINTHIANS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 1:23 – 2:11

1. **BELONG** – This section isn't 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. Without sharing details about the person, has anyone ever offended you greatly – to the point of real pain?
 - B. How did you overcome it, see victory, or maybe even see it turn into good?

2. **DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 1:23 – 2:11 together in your group and discuss the DBS 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. Is there anything that surprises you in 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. Was there anything you found especially encouraging or convicting about the sermon?

3. **GO** – Take time applying the text. Once we hear truth, we are called to live it out. If our groups just 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. Why do you think Scripture includes this passage about a difficult relationship between Paul and the church and between church members themselves?
 - B. In what way, according to chapter 2, is offense a test? A test of what?
 - C. What are the elements of resolution and restoration that Paul describes? Why are those important elements?
 - D. What are Satan's designs? Why is it important to not be ignorant and outwitted by him in this way?
 - E. How can these truths be practically applied within your group? Are there unresolved offenses?

4. **PRAYER** – Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time. Under the BELONG section, we focused our prayers on one another. However, this PRAYER section is to be a more outward-focused prayer time.
 - A. Spend time quietly asking Jesus to surface ways you may have offended another or any bitterness you may have from being offended. Allow yourself to listen for 2-3 minutes.
 - B. In the name of mercy and Jesus, as you pray, "confess your sins to one another" (James 5), thanking Him for the cross.
 - C. Pray for the restoration and resolution of relationships inside and outside of the group.