

IN FOCUS

2 CORINTHIANS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

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. What is the best news you've ever received in your life?
 - B. How did that news make its way to you?

2. **DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 2:12-17 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. How would you summarize the primary theme of this section of Scripture to someone who hasn't read it before?
 - 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. What does Paul mean by "triumph in Christ" in verse 14?
 - F. How does Paul describe the role of God's forgiveness in the lives of believers in this passage?

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. In what ways have you experienced the transformative power of God's forgiveness in your own life?
 - B. What does it look like for us to "triumph in Christ" in the midst of difficult circumstances?
 - C. How can we discern the difference between a spirit of humility and a spirit of deceit in ourselves and others?

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. Pray for group members to have a heart of forgiveness towards others and to extend grace and compassion.
 - B. Pray for the strength and wisdom to triumph in Christ in all circumstances.