

IN FOCUS

2 CORINTHIANS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 8:1-8:15

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. Was there something in the message that stood out to you as especially convicting? Encouraging?
 - B. Was there anything you struggled to understand or agree with?

2. **DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-8:15 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 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?

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. Does generosity come naturally for you?
 - If not, can you think of someone for whom you think it does?
 - Share a practical example of what that looked like.
 - B. What changes do you need to make in attitude or habit in order to be more generous with time? Money? Talents and abilities?

4. **PRAYER** – Petition the Lord together as you close out your group time.
 - A. Pray for an awareness of what God has entrusted to you to bless others.
 - B. Pray that we, as a church, and you, as a Jesus-follower, would be known for our generosity to one another and to the world around us.