

IN FOCUS

2 CORINTHIANS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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. Who or what circumstance did God use to help you first hear or see the Gospel?
 - B. What was your initial reaction to the Gospel? Acceptance? Indifference? Opposition?

2. **DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 together in your group and discuss the questions below. Remember, this is meant to be a dialogue, not a monologue. There is a lot in this passage, so the questions are fairly broad this week. Let the conversation go where it wants but keep pointing back to the text:
 - 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 or work of God?
 - Can you think of any other passages in Scripture that support this truth?
 - D. How does this passage point us to Jesus?
 - E. 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. What are "underhanded...cunning...tampering" ways we might use God's word?
 - B. How does "the god of this world blind the minds of unbelievers" today?
 - C. How is "light shining out of darkness" a model for telling others about Jesus?

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, by name, for those who are close to you but far from God.
 - B. Pray for open doors for you to show mercy and proclaim Jesus to those who need Him.
 - C. Pray for God to remove the veil from your unbelieving friends so they may see their need for Jesus.