

# IN FOCUS

## 2 CORINTHIANS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

- 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.
  - When was the last time you went through a season of struggle or discouragement?
  - What is your perspective during times like that? Hopeful? Anxious? Fearful?
- DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 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. *For context, go back and read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18, where Paul describes his present suffering which leads to his hopeful response in this week's passage.*
  - How would you summarize the primary theme of this section of Scripture to someone who hasn't read it before?
  - What encouragement do you find in the passage? What's challenging or uncomfortable?
  - 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?
  - How does this passage point us to Jesus?
  - 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?
- 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.
  - What do I turn to for hope in the midst of trial, suffering, or struggle? Is that response honoring to God, or does it pull me away from Him?
  - Are there changes I need to make to have the kind of courage Paul talks about in this passage?
    - For example – talk to a counselor, dedicated prayer, accountability from those in my Life Group, etc.
  - Am I aiming to please God daily?
    - If "yes," what intentional steps or disciplines help with that?
    - If "no," what is one thing you could change that would help you with that focus?
- 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.
  - Pray, by name, for those who are close to you but far from God.
  - Pray that they would see the hope you have in Christ.
  - Pray for one another in the group to live with a desire to please God in all they do.