

IN FOCUS

2 CORINTHIANS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1

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. What is the most impressive human achievement or feat you have ever seen with your own eyes? Or, what's the craziest thing you've ever done to impress someone you liked?

2. **DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1 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?
 - E. What is the connection between 2 Corinthians 6 and 7:1? How do these verses relate to the overall message of the letter?
 - F. In what ways does Paul encourage the Corinthians to live a life that is separate from the world in this passage? How does Paul describe the relationship between *holiness* and *repentance* 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. As a group, how can we more fully embrace a lifestyle that is separate from the values and priorities of the world around us?
 - B. What are some practical ways we can cultivate a spirit of repentance in our individual lives and in our community?
 - C. How can we more fully appreciate the value of suffering and hardship in shaping our character and strengthening our faith?
 - D. What steps can we take to build stronger relationships with those who are different from us or who have been hurt by the church in the past?

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 that God would give you the courage and strength to live a life that is separate from the values and priorities of the world around you.