

IN FOCUS

2 CORINTHIANS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 7:2-7:16

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. Spend time checking in with everyone on how they're doing spiritually.
 - Is this a season of growth? Is it dry and challenging?
 - B. Spend a few minutes praying for each other related to their answers.

2. **DISCOVER** – Read 2 Corinthians 7:2-7:16 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. How do you discern the difference between "godly grief" and "worldly grief?"
 - What are some examples of each?
 - F. What is our role when we see someone wrestling with these two types of grief?
 - How does this passage help you know whether to challenge or encourage them?

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 foster an environment for confession and repentance?
 - B. Is there someone in your life you need to make time to encourage? To challenge? To pray for?
 - C. Is there something the Lord has been trying to get your attention about that you need to repent of?
 - a. Make a plan to do that and have someone you trust in the group hold you accountable.

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 the people in your life that don't know Jesus.
 - B. Pray for those who are serving around the world to spread the gospel.