

WEEK 9 | ONE PARADOX

Date: October 5, 2025

Verses: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5



SERIES INSIGHT

One Paradox is a walk through the book of 2nd Corinthians and the Paradox of the Cross. It leads us to live lives by Faith and not by sight. It challenges us to live according to what Jesus values, which is in contrast to the values of today's world. The question we'll wrestle with is this: what does the Cross mean to you?

ICEBREAKER

- If you were a shoe, would you be the left or right foot?
- What's the biggest risk you've ever taken?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. Read verse 3. What are some worldly ways people try to deal with struggles (anger, fear, temptation, insecurity), and how does God's way differ?
3. Identify one area where you've been fighting in your own strength and commit to surrendering it to God's spiritual weapons (prayer, Scripture, faith).
4. Read verse 4. What "strongholds" (negative thought patterns, lies, addictions, attitudes) can subtly take root in our lives today?
5. Take a practical step now... Choose one stronghold you recognize in your life and outline a practical step this week to begin dismantling it with God's truth.
6. Read verse 5. What are some cultural "arguments" or popular mindsets that challenge or distort God's truth in our daily lives? Share one truth from Scripture you can use to confront and replace a cultural lie you've believed or wrestled with.
7. What does it practically look like to "take a thought captive"? Can you share a recent example where you either succeeded—or struggled—with this?
8. Commit to memorizing one verse that directly addresses a recurring negative thought you battle, and practice using it this week when that thought arises.

PRAYER

Share requests and celebrate praise reports. Take time for your group to pray for however long is needed.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

King Jesus,

We pray for an outpouring for the presence of God in: our heart, our home, our church, our city.

That may result in an awakening that leads to transformation of: our heart, our home, our church, our city.



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