

WEEK 5 | ONE PARADOX

Date: September 7, 2025

Verses: 2 Corinthians 4:4-12



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

- Share a favorite random fact you know!
- If you could invent a holiday, what would it be, and how would people celebrate it?

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. Paul says the "god of this age" blinds people from seeing the light of the gospel. In what ways do you see this spiritual blindness happening in our culture today?
3. How can you be intentional this week about reflecting Christ's light to someone who may be spiritually blinded?
4. Paul describes believers as fragile "jars of clay" holding the treasure of Christ. How does this image challenge the way we view weakness and dependence on God?
5. Where in your life right now do you feel weak, and how might God's power be displayed through that weakness?
6. Paul acknowledges hardship but emphasizes resilience in Christ. How have you seen God sustain you (or others) in seasons of difficulty?
7. What practical step can you take to lean on God's sustaining strength the next time you feel "pressed" by life?
8. Paul says we "carry around in our body the death of Jesus" so that His life may be revealed. What does it mean for us to embrace both death to self and new life in Christ daily?
9. What is one area where God is calling you to "die to self" this week so that His life can be more visible to others?

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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