



8-WEEK STUDY ON
COMMONLY MISUNDERSTOOD
PHRASES AND BIBLE VERSES

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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Secondary text from this week: John 14:16-17

Read ahead for next week: Jeremiah 29:11

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To explore how to effectively experience and extend God's comfort

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: As you imagine what heaven will be like, what are the top three things you hope are in heaven? (Remember this is just an ice-breaker question, so don't take it too seriously!)

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. We've all struggled to find words to comfort someone going through a difficult time. What are some other words or phrases that you've said or heard that have not been helpful?

2. Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-4** again. Paul specifically indicates that we should "comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God." What are some ways that you have been able to comfort others? What are some ways you have been comforted by others?

3. Pastor Doug called God our "ultimate source of comfort." How has God been your ultimate source of comfort in your life? Please share a specific example.

4. At the end of his message, Pastor Doug referenced Jesus' words in **John 14:16-17**, where he calls the Holy Spirit our "comforter" (also "advocate" in some translations). Read the following verses about the Holy Spirit: **John 14:16-17; John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:7**

Why do you think it is significant that this word that Jesus uses to describe the Holy Spirit is the same word that Paul uses in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4?

5. Have someone in the group search "Derek Redmond" on YouTube and watch one of the powerful videos of the moment Pastor Doug described in his message. How does this image help you understand the idea of God as our *parakletos* (one who "comes alongside to provide comfort")?

6. Ask members of the group to read the following passages out loud:

Isaiah 41:10; Romans 15:13; Psalm 23:1-4; Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 116:1-2



