Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 21, 2024

2 Corinthians 1:8-11 - God's Strength in Our Weakness

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

• Share a time in your life when something happened that made you think things would never get better... but they did.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

Times of tribulation provide unparalleled opportunities for growth and for God's work.

DIGGING IN

Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

 Share a difficulty you have experienced that changed the "landscape" of your life forever.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- How can becoming aware of our weakness help us become stronger?
- Can you share a time you chose to make someone else's life more difficult because you wanted to help them grow?
- How might God use difficulty in our lives as a way to help us grow?
- Have you ever asked God for something but He didn't give it to you?

- How did that seemingly unanswered prayer affect you?
- What might be some reasons why God doesn't give us an affirmative answer to a prayer?
- Can you share a request you made to God, but He didn't do it, and now
 you are thankful He didn't give you what you asked for?
- How much of your energy do you think is dedicated to avoiding difficulty in life?
- Since difficulty positively impacts our relationship with Jesus, then how should we approach our goals in life?
- How can difficulty in our lives cause the light of Christ to shine brighter in us?
- What might cause some people to grow stronger because of difficulties they face, and others do not?
- What difficulty are you currently facing that you can grow through?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Take some time each week to share prayer requests and praise reports.

Have someone in your group record these prayer requests and email them out to the whole group to be praying for each other throughout the week.

Close with a time of prayer.