



SMALL GROUP



CATCHING UP

- Has anything new or exciting happened in your life since the last time we gathered?
- What was one blessing you experienced this week?
- What was one trial you experienced this week?

WEEKEND RECAP

- What was one takeaway from this weekend's message that stuck out to you?
- Have you had an opportunity to apply the lesson from Sunday over the last few days?

VIDEO THOUGHTS

- What memories do you have as a child hunting for "buried treasure" or Easter eggs?
- Do you find any common ground between Paul's purpose laid out in 2:2 and your personal life? Where are there differences?
- What makes it hard to hold onto hope when life gets rough? Are there things that are bigger than your current problem? Is God big enough in your life?
- What's the best compliment you've ever been given?

- Encouragement can change how someone views not only their day but their life. What are ways to encourage and not criticize people in their faith journey?
- How has finding Christ been like uncovering long-lost buried treasure?

DIVING DEEP

- 1:24 tells us that Paul is rejoicing in the midst of suffering. Can you think of a time you rejoiced in the middle of a hard time?
- In 2:3-4, Paul contrasts clever speech and true wisdom. How do we make sure we are telling the truth and not deceiving someone with our own slants and bias?
- Paul encouraged a church he has never been to. He's never talked to most of these people face to face. Yet his words encouraged them. How do we encourage people from a distance? Is it even possible?

CONCLUSION

- What are some things we can be doing for each other in this upcoming week - prayer requests or actual things?