



Message Notes

Week 4: The Endless Pursuit of More Comfort
2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

Big Idea for this week:

Trying to fulfill an _____ longing with temporary comfort leads to an _____ life

1. _____ on today _____ tomorrow

2. _____ our eyes on eternity _____ today

How do we get off the hamster wheel?

When we face the troubles of this world, we don't need MORE comfort. God renewing us produces _____ than the comforts of this world

Remember, WE ARE MADE FOR MORE!

Big idea: eternal / empty 1. Focusing / empties 2. Fixing / empowers more contentment

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why?

2. What specific comfort appeals to you the most? It could be a type of food, a pastime, a place, etc.

3. Culture tells us to "live your best life". What does this look like to people you know? What does it mean to you? Why do you think we tend to chase comfort?

4. What are some ways in which chasing counterfeit comfort eliminates our need for faith? Have you ever seen that play out in your life? If so, how?

5. Paul knew firsthand the struggles that come with a life of faith. Take a few minutes to read all of 2 Corinthians 4. Then, ask yourself this question: *How was Paul able to truly believe the things he wrote in these verses? How can I believe them?*

6. How do we fight to get off the hamster wheel of more? What is one thing you can do to accomplish this? Who can help you in this desire to stop chasing after more comfort in this life?

Prayer: Father, I know I chase comfort, but help me to see that You design struggles for my good. And what I face now is producing an eternal value in my life. Thank You for creating endurance and perseverance in me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

We hope to see you back next week as we continue our series, "Chasing Carrots". If you have questions or need to talk to someone, we are always available to talk. See you next week.