

**Gospel Partnership**  
*Holy Living is our Witness*  
**2 Corinthians 6:1-7; 8:21**

**TALK IT OVER**

**Parallel Scripture**

<sup>24</sup> And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

*2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:24-25 ESV*

<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

*Romans 14:17-18 NIV*

**Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)**

- How do you handle conflict? How do you react to negativity?
- What are some things that make it hard for you to behave well?

**Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)**

- If the preacher has to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points would you tell him to include no matter what?
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:1-7; 8:21. What is hard about what Paul is asking the Corinthians to do? Why is it so important that we do this today?
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:24-25. Why is patience and gentleness key to bring people to the truth?
- Read Romans 14:17-18. How can we be pleasing to both God and others?

**Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)**

- In the hard times how has God helped you get through them? What helped you to endure?
- What kind of witness do you give when you are able to handle tough situations with calmness and kindness? When have you seen others do this well?
- What are some of the faults people find with Christians, and can we correct those faults?

**Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)**

- What can we do to help one another to live a life as holy witnesses?
- Take some time to reflect this week on your actions, and how you can honor God.

**Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)**

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

**Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)**

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.