

Feb 23, 2025 2 Corinthians 7

Connect (15-30 mins)

Check in and follow up on any prayer requests or life events your group may have shared from last week. Consider an icebreaker question from our resource here: <u>Ice Breakers</u>

Grow (15-30 mins)

- 1. What are you currently praying for with persistence? How can you remain faithful in your prayer life with those prayers that are requiring patience and hope where you may have grown weary?
- 2. We have a choice—weekly, daily, and moment by moment—to walk by the flesh or walk by the Spirit. Did you have an experience this week where you chose to walk by the Spirit instead of the flesh and saw the Lord work? Or if you chose to walk by the flesh, how does the gospel invite you into grace and transformation moving forward?

Share (45-60 mins)

- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 7:1-16. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon? What has been most impactful to you in this series?
- 4. Being in Christ means we rise and fall together. We bear one another's burdens, we weep with those who weep, rejoice with those who rejoice, honor one another, forgive one another, etc. As you consider the list of "one anothers" above, is there something you can share with your group from this past week that helped you grow in the "one anothers". Did you forgive someone? Honor someone? Can you let your group in on a burden you're carrying? Share a reason to rejoice?
- 5. This week's passage showed us that because we're in Christ, we're invited into a "sorrow that leads to repentance" (2 Corinthians 7:9-10). What is the difference between Godly sorrow that leads to repentance and sorrow of the world that leads guilt, condemnation, and regret? Share an example of a time you experienced or witnessed from another a sorrow that led to repentance and how that brought you closer to the Lord.

Practice

Intentionally Pursuing Community: Healthy Conflict

Have you considered your responsibility as a believer to address something you see in another's life? Hard conversations are necessary for the Christian life. They're not to be done to condemn but to invite into a deeper relationship with the Lord and be transformed by His Spirit. The sermon mentioned 3



things to keep in mind when we approach hard conversations or what we call at The Well, healthy conflict.

- 1. Hold one another to the word of God
- 1. In love have the hard conversation
- 2. Manage the tension of grace and truth.

Spend a few minutes having each group member share how they handle conflict. Are you prone to lean more toward all grace and no truth (peace faker) or all truth and no grace (peace breaker). In what ways is conflict difficult for you?

Now spend the last 5-10 minutes of group in personal reflection if there is someone you need to have a last 10% conversation with. Often we will say the 90% of what we need to say to someone, but withhold the last 10% out of fear or people-pleasing. Does someone or a situation come to mind? Write out a plan of action and share with your group if you're willing for accountability. For more on healthy conflict, you can watch this video from Dave Obwald or review our Conflict Resolution Guide.