



# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CONNECT • GROW • SHARE • PRACTICE

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2 Corinthians - Chapter 4

## Connect

1. Take a few moments to think through how God surprised you this week. Share with your group.

## Grow

2. As we continue to grow in Christ, think back to the time you set aside last week for prayer and Scripture reading. What challenges did you face during that time of communion with the Lord? Were there distractions or struggles that made it hard to connect? How can you partner with the Holy Spirit to overcome those challenges this week and continue to embrace the transformative power of God's Word and His presence? Remember, each moment spent with Him shapes us more into His image.

## Share

3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18. 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. Skim this chapter and note the different ways the Apostle Paul highlights their ministry and experiences being about Christ and not themselves. How does this approach of Paul align or contradict the ways your life points to or lifts up the name of Jesus?
5. Read Galatians 2:20 and 2 Corinthians 4:8-11 out loud. How has your understanding of the Galatians passage been supplemented by the Corinthians passage? How can these passages keep you from losing hope in the face of hardship because of your relationship with Jesus?
6. The Apostle Paul highlights the many sufferings he and his companions have endured; yet he considers these light momentary afflictions in light of "the eternal weight of glory" they are producing. How has God cultivated an eternal perspective in your life? How is He redeeming and using the hardships in your life and transforming them into blessings?

## Practice: Sharing Your Story - Proclaiming Christ amidst your suffering

7. *"17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us."* **Romans 8:17-18**

Sharing your story is an opportunity to share how the Gospel has worked in your life, proclaiming not ourselves as the hero, but Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:5). Take time to craft your story this week to see how the Gospel has changed your life and how in suffering you have been made more into his image. Consider sharing your story to someone in the group. For help crafting your story consult the "Sharing Your Story" [worksheet](#).