

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

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In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. You can access this podcast study on 2 CORINTHIANS by downloading the DrivetimeDevotions app for your phone or by going to DrivetimeDevotions.com.

HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out unless you want to.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



LISTEN

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes (one per day).



CHECKING IN

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



KEY VERSE

Each week you will find a key verse (or verses) from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.

WEEK ONE: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 1



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK ONE



CHECKING IN

1. If you're just starting as a group, take some time to get to know each other by going around the circle and sharing your name, where you grew up, and something about your life.
2. What is something you do to find comfort after a long, hard day?



KEY VERSE

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at the description of God as the Father of compassion in verses 3-4, how have you personally experienced His comfort during a difficult time, and how can we support each other in seeking Him first? *Verses 1:3-4*
2. Reflecting on the truth that our suffering equips us to help others, who is someone in your life you can comfort this week, and how can we encourage you to take that step? *Verses 1:4-5*
3. Considering Paul's intense distress described in verses 8-9, when have you felt pressured beyond your ability to endure, and how can we remind each other to depend on God in those moments? *Verses 1:8-9*
4. When you read about relying on God who raises the dead rather than ourselves, what makes it difficult¹⁰ for you to let go of control, and how can we help each other surrender? *Verses 1:9-10*

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5. Thinking about the firm hope Paul mentions in verse 7, how does knowing that we share in both suffering and comfort change your perspective on current struggles, and how can we share each other's burdens? *Verses 1:6-7*
6. Since Paul emphasizes the power of prayer in verse 11, how can we actively pray for one another this week when we face overwhelming situations? *Verse 1:11*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

This week, spend 10 minutes each morning listening to a worship song and intentionally praising God for the specific ways He has comforted and delivered you in the past.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for God to reveal His deep comfort in the areas where group members are hurting, and ask for opportunities to share that comfort with others.

WEEK ONE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK TWO: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 2



LISTEN

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WEEK TWO



CHECKING IN

1. How did it go spending time praising God for His comfort each morning last week?
2. What is a smell or aroma that instantly brings back a vivid memory for you?



KEY VERSE

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him."

2 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at Paul's urge to reaffirm love in verses 7-8, when is it most difficult for you to offer complete forgiveness, and how can we help each other let go of past offenses? *Verses 2:7-8*
2. Recognizing Satan's schemes to cause division in verse 11, how can we remain aware of his traps in our relationships and encourage each other to fight for unity? *Verse 2:11*
3. Considering the image of being led in a triumphal procession in verse 14, how does knowing Christ has already won the victory change your daily attitude, and how can we celebrate that victory together? *Verse 2:14*
4. Reflecting on the idea of being the aroma of Christ in verses 15-16, what does it practically look like in your life to be that fragrance, and how can we help each other spread His love? *Verses 2:15-16*

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5. When you read the question "who is equal to such a task?" in verse 16, what feelings of inadequacy hold you back from serving others, and how can we remind each other of God's enabling power? *Verse 2:16*
6. Thinking about speaking with sincerity before God in verse 17, how can we encourage one another to act with genuine motives in our workplaces and homes this week? *Verse 2:17*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

MINISTRY

Look for one specific way to serve a neighbor or coworker anonymously this week, aiming to leave behind the "fragrance of Christ" through your selfless action.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the group would forgive quickly and serve generously, bringing the fragrance of Christ's love to those they encounter.

WEEK TWO



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK THREE: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 3



LISTEN

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WEEK THREE



CHECKING IN

1. Did you find an opportunity to serve someone anonymously and leave the fragrance of Christ this past week?
2. If someone were to write a letter summarizing your life right now, what would the main theme be?



KEY VERSE

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on Paul calling the Corinthians a "letter from Christ" in verses 2-3, how have you seen God use your life to impact someone else, and how can we encourage each other to be open letters? *Verses 3:2-3*
2. Considering the statement that our competence comes from God in verse 5, where are you currently tempted to rely on your own abilities, and how can we help you lean on God instead? *Verses 3:4-5*
3. Looking at the contrast between the letter that kills and the Spirit that gives life in verse 6, what is the difference between living by rules and living by the Holy Spirit, and how can we encourage each other to pursue the Spirit? *Verse 3:6*
4. When you read about the veil covering minds in verses 14-15, what barriers do you put up that keep you from being completely authentic with God, and how can we help each other tear them down? *Verses 3:14-15*

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5. Thinking about the freedom that comes from the Spirit in verse 17, how can we encourage one another to live in that freedom rather than falling back into legalism? *Verse 3:17*
6. Reflecting on the promise of being transformed into His likeness in verse 18, what is one specific area where you need transformation this week, and how can we pray for you? *Verse 3:18*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Commit to reading a chapter of the Gospels each day this week, not as a checklist, but asking the Holy Spirit to transform your mind and reveal how you can follow Jesus more closely.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the group would experience the true freedom of the Spirit, dropping any veils of pretense to be authentically transformed by God's presence.

WEEK THREE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FOUR: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 4



LISTEN

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WEEK FOUR



CHECKING IN

1. How did your daily Gospel reading help you experience the freedom of the Spirit this past week?
2. When you were a kid, what was your favorite fragile item that you were terrified of breaking?



KEY VERSE

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."

2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at Paul's resolve not to use deception in verse 2, how can we be more transparent in our faith with non-believers, and how can we encourage each other to speak the truth plainly? *Verse 4:2*
2. Recognizing that the god of this age has blinded unbelievers in verse 4, how does this truth change the way you interact with those who don't know Christ, and how can we pray for your unsaved friends together? *Verse 4:4*
3. Considering the image of having a treasure in jars of clay in verse 7, how does this reality help you embrace your weaknesses, and how can we build each other up when we feel fragile? *Verse 4:7*
4. Reflecting on the experiences of being hard pressed but not crushed in verses 8-9, when have you felt this way, and how can we support each other during intense pressure? *Verses 4:8-9*

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5. When you read about outward wasting away but inward renewal in verse 16, what are you doing to cultivate that daily inward renewal, and how can we keep each other accountable in that pursuit? *Verse 4:16*
6. Thinking about fixing our eyes on what is unseen in verse 18, how does an eternal perspective give you the courage to share the gospel despite temporary discomforts, and how can we inspire one another to do so? *Verses 4:17-18*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

Identify one person in your life who does not know Christ, commit to praying for their spiritual blindness to be lifted every day, and invite them to coffee or a meal.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the group would not lose heart in sharing their faith, and that God's all-surpassing power would shine brightly through their fragile lives.

WEEK FOUR



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FIVE: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 5



LISTEN

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WEEK FIVE



CHECKING IN

1. How did it go reaching out to or praying for the person you identified last week?
2. If you could completely remodel or recreate one room in your house, which room would it be and why?



KEY VERSE

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the longing for our heavenly dwelling in verses 2-4, how does the promise of eternity change the way you view your current earthly struggles, and how can we remind each other of this hope? *Verses 5:2-4*
2. Considering the command to live by faith and not by sight in verse 7, what does this practically look like in your life, and how can we encourage each other to trust God's unseen plan? *Verses 5:7-8*
3. Looking at the truth that we will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ in verse 10, how does this affect the daily choices you make, and how can we challenge one another to live for eternity? *Verse 5:10*
4. When you read that Christ's love compels us in verse 14, how has His love recently pushed you to act selflessly toward someone in the church, and how can we partner in serving? *Verses 5:14-15*

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5. Thinking about regarding no one from a worldly point of view in verse 16, how can we encourage each other to see the people in our lives through God's eyes? *Verse 5:16*
6. Reflecting on the reality that we are new creations in verse 17, what is one "old" habit you need to leave behind, and how can this group hold you accountable? *Verse 5:17*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Get together with at least one other person from the group outside of your normal meeting time to share a meal and discuss how you can encourage each other's spiritual growth.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the group would genuinely view each other as new creations, letting go of past judgments and building a fellowship based on Christ's compelling love.

WEEK FIVE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK SIX: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 6



LISTEN

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CHECKING IN

1. Who did you manage to connect with outside of group time this past week, and how was your time together?
2. What is the most physically challenging thing you have ever voluntarily done (like a hike, a race, or a tough project)?



KEY VERSE

"I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

2 Corinthians 6:2 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at the urgency of receiving God's grace in verses 1-2, what distractions often keep you from fully appreciating God's favor, and how can we help each other stay focused on His grace? *Verses 6:1-2*
2. Considering Paul's desire to put no stumbling block in anyone's path in verse 3, how can we live in a way that honors God, and how can we hold each other accountable to a higher standard? *Verse 6:3*
3. Reflecting on the hardships and distresses Paul endured in verses 4-5, how has going through a tough season provided you with an opportunity to worship, and how can we support you in your current trials? *Verses 6:4-5*
4. When you read about demonstrating purity, understanding, patience, and kindness in verse 6, which of these is hardest for you under pressure, and how can we pray for you? *Verse 6:6*

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5. Thinking about the paradox of being "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" in verse 10, when have you experienced joy in the Lord amidst pain, and how can we rejoice with you? *Verse 6:10*
6. Looking at the command not to be yoked together with unbelievers in verse 14, where in your life might you be compromising your values, and how can we support you in pursuing holiness? *Verses 6:14-15*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

Take time this week to write down three specific hardships you've faced and actively praise God for how He sustained you or grew your character through them.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the strength to endure daily challenges with purity and patience, so that our lives would clearly reflect a heart of worship to God.

WEEK SIX



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK SEVEN: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 7



LISTEN

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WEEK SEVEN



CHECKING IN

1. How did praising God for your past hardships change your perspective this past week?
2. What is the hardest apology you have ever had to make or the hardest thing you've had to confess?



KEY VERSE

"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the command to purify ourselves in verse 1, what is something that contaminates your spirit, and how can we encourage each other to pursue holiness? *Verse 7:1*
2. Considering the comfort God provided to Paul through Titus in verse 6, who is someone God has used to comfort you recently, and how can we be that comfort for others? *Verses 7:6-7*
3. Looking at the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow in verse 10, how do you typically respond when confronted with sin, and how can we encourage each other to pursue genuine repentance? *Verse 7:10*
4. When you read about the earnestness and eagerness that godly sorrow produces in verse 11, how has true repentance recently changed your attitudes, and how can we celebrate that growth together? *Verse 7:11*

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5. Thinking about the fear of confrontation, how can we create a group environment where we gently point out each other's blind spots without causing worldly sorrow? *Verses 7:8-9*
6. Reflecting on the joy of restored relationships in verses 13-16, how can we celebrate each other's obedience and spiritual victories this week? *Verses 7:13-16*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Ask a trusted Christian friend or mentor to honestly point out one area in your life where you need to grow, and commit to responding with godly sorrow rather than defensiveness.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the humility to embrace godly sorrow when convicted, and ask God to use our transformed lives as a testament of His grace to each other.

WEEK SEVEN



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK EIGHT: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 8



LISTEN

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WEEK EIGHT



CHECKING IN

1. How did you handle inviting feedback from a friend, and what did you learn about yourself this past week?
2. What is the most thoughtful or generous gift you have ever received from someone?



KEY VERSE

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at the Macedonian churches' generosity despite extreme poverty in verses 1-3, when have you experienced the joy of giving during difficult circumstances, and how can we encourage each other to be generous?
Verses 8:1-3
2. Considering that they gave themselves first to the Lord in verse 5, how does surrendering yourself fully to God change the way you serve others, and how can we support each other in this surrender? *Verse 8:5*
3. Reflecting on the challenge to excel in the grace of giving in verse 7, what makes it difficult for you to be truly generous, and how can we hold each other accountable to give? *Verse 8:7*
4. When you read about Jesus becoming poor so we could become rich in verse 9, how does His ultimate ³⁸sacrifice motivate you to minister to those in need, and how can we partner together to help? *Verse 8:9*

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5. Thinking about the call to match willingness with completion in verses 10-11, what is a good intention you have had regarding serving others that you need to follow through on, and how can we keep you accountable?

Verses 8:10-11

6. Looking at the goal of equality in verses 13-15, how can we as a group better identify and meet the tangible needs within our own church family?

Verses 8:13-15



LIVING ON PURPOSE

MINISTRY

Find a tangible need within your church or community this week (like a meal, a repair, or financial help) and pool your resources or time as a group to meet it.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the group would grow in the grace of giving and serving, recognizing that everything we have is a tool from God to minister to others.

WEEK EIGHT



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK NINE: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 9



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK NINE



CHECKING IN

1. How did it feel to step out and meet a tangible need for someone else this past week?
2. What is your favorite kind of seed to plant, or if you don't garden, what is your favorite type of flower or tree?



KEY VERSE

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the principle of sowing and reaping in verse 6, how have you seen generous living open doors for sharing the gospel, and how can we encourage each other to plant more seeds? *Verse 9:6*
2. Considering the call to be a cheerful giver in verse 7, when have you felt pressured to give, and how can we help each other cultivate a heart of joyful generosity? *Verse 9:7*
3. Looking at the promise that God supplies the seed in verses 10-11, how does trusting God as your provider free you up to be radically generous with non-believers? *Verses 9:10-11*
4. When you read that generosity results in thanksgiving to God in verses 11-12, how can our giving serve as a testimony of God's love to the world, and what can we do collectively to spark that praise? *Verses 9:11-12*

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5. Thinking about how generous sharing proves our obedience to the gospel in verse 13, how can we practically show God's love to our local community this week? *Verse 9:13*
6. Reflecting on God's "indescribable gift" in verse 15, how does Jesus' gift of salvation inspire you to share your faith boldly, and how can we pray for your evangelism efforts? *Verse 9:15*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

Pay for someone's coffee, meal, or groceries behind you in line this week, and leave a simple note letting them know God loves them.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that our generosity would act as a bridge to share the gospel, sparking curiosity and thanksgiving in the hearts of those who don't know Jesus.

WEEK NINE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK TEN: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 10



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CHECKING IN

1. Were you able to bless a stranger this past week, and how did it impact your own heart?
2. What is the most memorable (or silly) criticism you received as a kid from a teacher, coach, or parent?



KEY VERSE

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on Paul's plea made with the meekness and gentleness of Christ in verse 1, how do you typically respond when criticized by a fellow believer, and how can we encourage each other to respond with grace?
Verse 10:1
2. Considering that we do not wage war as the world does in verses 3-4, how does recognizing conflict as a spiritual battle change how you handle disagreements, and how can we fight for unity as a group? *Verses 10:3-4*
3. Looking at the power to demolish strongholds in verse 4, what stubborn habits in your own life do you need God's help to tear down, and how can we support you in that fight? *Verse 10:4*
4. When you read about taking every thought captive in verse 5, what does it practically look like for you to make your thoughts obedient to Christ when frustrated with someone, and how can we keep each other accountable?

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5. Thinking about how measuring ourselves by ourselves is not wise in verse 12, how does comparison damage our fellowship, and how can we encourage each other instead? *Verse 10:12*
6. Reflecting on Paul's focus on building up rather than pulling down in verse 8, how can you use your influence to build up the members of this group this week? *Verse 10:8*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Send an encouraging text or note to three different people in your group this week, specifically pointing out a God-given strength you see in them.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for God's divine power to tear down walls of pride and comparison among us, replacing them with thoughts and words that build up our fellowship.

WEEK TEN



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK ELEVEN: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 11



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CHECKING IN

1. How did sending and receiving encouraging notes affect your sense of connection with the group this past week?
2. What is the most foolish or embarrassing thing you have done to try and impress someone else?



KEY VERSE

"If I must boast, I would rather boast about the things that show how weak I am."

2 Corinthians 11:30 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on Paul's godly jealousy for the church in verses 2-3, how do you protect your own heart from being led astray, and how can we help each other maintain simple devotion to Christ? *Verses 11:2-3*
2. Considering Paul's willingness to humble himself in verse 7, when is it hardest for you to take the lower place, and how can we help each other choose humility? *Verse 11:7*
3. Looking at the danger of false apostles masquerading as servants of righteousness in verses 13-15, how can we discern the truth and encourage each other to stay rooted in God's word? *Verses 11:13-15*
4. When you read about Paul choosing to boast about his weaknesses in verse 30, what makes it so difficult for us to admit our vulnerabilities, and how can we create a safe space for each other to share? *Verse 11:30*

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5. Thinking about the intense sacrifices Paul endured for the gospel in verses 23-28, how does his endurance challenge your view of comfort, and how can we inspire each other to persevere? *Verses 11:23-28*
6. Reflecting on how our weaknesses highlight God's strength, how can you intentionally praise God for a specific limitation or weakness in your life this week? *Verse 11:30*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

During your prayer time this week, intentionally thank God for one specific weakness or limitation you have, worshiping Him for being strong where you are weak.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the group would maintain a pure devotion to Christ, letting go of the need to impress others and choosing instead to worship God through our weaknesses.

WEEK ELEVEN



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK TWELVE: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 12



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CHECKING IN

1. How did praising God for your weaknesses change your perspective or attitude this past week?
2. If you could be granted a vision of any future event in your life, what would you want to see?



KEY VERSE

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the purpose of Paul's thorn in the flesh in verse 7, when has a persistent difficulty caused you to rely more deeply on God, and how can we encourage you through your current thorns? *Verse 12:7*
2. Considering God's response that His grace is sufficient in verse 9, how have you experienced God's grace carrying you through, and how can we remind each other of this truth in hard times? *Verse 12:9*
3. Looking at the promise that God's power is made perfect in weakness in verse 9, how does this truth change how you view your current struggles and mentor others through theirs? *Verse 12:9*
4. When you read about Paul delighting in weaknesses in verse 10, what is the difference between resigning yourself to a tough situation and being content for Christ's sake, and how can we help each other find that contentment? *Verse 12:10*

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5. Thinking about Paul's desire to spend everything he had for the church in verse 15, how can we model this kind of selfless investment in the people we are discipling, and how can we hold each other to this standard? *Verse 12:15*
6. Reflecting on the fear of finding discord and gossip among the believers in verse 20, how can we hold each other accountable to pursue peace and purity this week? *Verse 12:20*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

Share a story with a younger believer or someone you are mentoring this week about a time when God's grace sustained you through a period of personal weakness.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that we would gladly embrace our weaknesses and disciple one another with authenticity, so that Christ's power may rest on us.

WEEK TWELVE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK THIRTEEN: 2 CORINTHIANS Chapter 13



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

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CHECKING IN

1. How did sharing a story of God's grace with someone else impact your own faith this past week?
2. If you had to take a final exam on any subject and guarantee you would pass, what subject would it be?



KEY VERSE

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?"

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the command to examine and test ourselves in verse 5, what does it practically look like for you to evaluate your own spiritual health, and how can we support you? *Verse 13:5*
2. Considering the danger of self-condemnation, how can we test our motives and faith while still resting in the grace of Jesus, and how can we remind each other of that grace? *Verse 13:5*
3. Looking at Paul's prayer that they would do nothing wrong and stand the test in verse 7, how can we actively pray for each other's integrity in our daily ministries? *Verse 13:7*
4. When you read the challenge to aim for perfection in verse 11, what is one specific area of your life where you need to seek restoration this week, and how can we support you in taking that step? *Verse 13:11*

2 CORINTHIANS: A SMALL GROUP STUDY

5. Thinking about the command to be of one mind and live in peace in verse 11, how can we be peacemakers in our church and community, and how can we encourage each other in that mission? *Verse 13:11*
6. Reflecting on the closing blessing in verse 14, how does the grace of Jesus empower you to serve others, and how can we demonstrate that love together as a group? *Verse 13:14*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

MINISTRY

Take 15 minutes of quiet time this week to intentionally examine your heart, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas out of alignment so you can minister from a healthy place.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit would empower the group to live in peace and unity as they serve the world.

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