



## Last Chance to be Encouraged

### Small Group Questions

### 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

### February 8

#### Community

- What is the biggest way you've changed since you were a child? In what way are you still the same?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

#### Core: Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

1. What exactly is being described as jars of clay? What is the treasure?
2. How does frequently considering God's grace & mercy impact the ministry God has given you?
2. Take a minute and reflect on verses 8-9. Have you ever been afflicted but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed? How did God make a difference during this time? In what ways did He sustain you?

3. Can you explain what it looks like for the life of Jesus to be manifested in our bodies? Is this something every follower of Jesus should expect? Why? Why not?

4. Have you ever lost heart while serving Jesus? What happened? What steps should we take to make sure that doesn't happen again?

5. How are the current afflictions or struggles that we face in this world connected to Jesus' death and resurrection? What is the link between suffering and ministry?

6. What value did Paul see in his suffering? Is there such a thing as "suffering well?" If so, what does that look like? Why is it important that believers suffer well?

7. What motivation did Paul have to preach Jesus despite his suffering?

8. How does Paul contrast our suffering in the world to the promise of eternity? How does it make you feel that Paul describes his own suffering as "light & momentary?" Does this description change your view of your own suffering?

9. Check out verses 17-18 in a few other translations. The ESV says we are to look at things that are unseen. Some others say to focus on these things, but my favorite is the NIV that says to "fix our eyes" on the unseen. How exactly do we accomplish this feat? What unseen things are we supposed to be focused on? Why is it so easy to be distracted by what is seen?

**Pray to Close**