

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-7

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

Please Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

1. What do you think may have motivated Paul to open this letter with the subject of comfort and suffering?

2. Please list the 6 ways God comforts.

a. Do you tend to comfort others with mercy or truth? Why do you think that is?

b. Which form of comfort do you find most helpful in your life and why?

3. Author and Biblical Counselor Bob Kelleman says, "Shared suffering is endurable suffering."

a. How does sharing in Christ's suffering help us to endure?

b. When going through suffering or affliction, how does having someone come alongside you who's been through similar suffering differ from the comfort from someone who has never "walked in your shoes"?

4. Why do you think God wants us to learn to rely on Him rather than on ourselves?

5. Why do you think Paul brought up that God raises the dead (vs. 9)?

6. What role does prayer have in helping people who are suffering? Why do you think we tend to feel like we're not really "doing" anything when we pray? What does this say about our view of God's power vs. our power?

7. How does this passage show:

a. God's power and our weakness

b. God's wisdom over ours

c. God's goodness and how He uses that in and through us?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord (i.e. Look to the God of mercies, who actively comforts you; Be patient in the suffering. It will bring His comfort into focus; Set your hope in the one who will comfort and deliver you)?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, May 25 // Romans 5:1-11

See what God can do

Tuesday, May 26 // Psalm 86:1-17

Take comfort in the Lord

Wednesday, May 27 // Isaiah 40:1-11

He comforts and carries us

Thursday, May 28 // Psalm 146:1-10

The Lord lifts up those who are down

Friday, May 29 // Lamentations 3:19-38

Hope that God is Merciful and Purposeful