



Life Group Discussion Guide

October 13 – 2 Corinthians 11:1-12:10 – When Life is Hard

Icebreaker:

Since we're focusing on hard times today, share a story of a time when you bravely (or not) faced one of the worst meals of your life.

Discussion Questions:

1. Ask someone to read **2 Corinthians 11:1 – 12:10** aloud. We suggest breaking the text into portions.
 - What stands out to you from this text?
 - What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?
2. **Personal Hardship Reflection**
 - Pastor Darren asked us to reflect on a hardship or loss you've faced recently or in the past. How did it affect your faith? Share what you wrote down at the start of the message, if you feel comfortable.
3. **Paul's Hardships (2 Corinthians 11:22-28)**
 - Paul lists many of his qualifications and then he shares his sufferings in detail—beatings, imprisonments, and shipwrecks. It makes sense to share qualifications to preach, but what is Paul's point in "bragging" about his hardships with the Corinthians?
4. **The Struggle to Understand God's Plan (2 Corinthians 12:7-9)**
 - Paul talks about a "thorn in the flesh" that God allowed to remain. Do you relate to Paul's prayer for relief that wasn't granted in the way he hoped? Can you think of a time when God's answer was different than what you expected?
5. **Wrestling with the "Why"**
 - It's natural to ask God "Why?" when life is hard, just as Moses, David, and Job did. How has wrestling with questions shaped your faith? What has been useful in maintaining your faith while wrestling with "why"?

6. Responding to the “How Long”

- In Psalm 13:1-2, David asks “How long, Lord?” What do you think it means to have “hard faith” in seasons of waiting?

7. The Power of Weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

- God told Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” How do you feel about the idea that God’s power is best displayed in our weaknesses? Can you think of a time when you experienced God’s strength in your weakness?

8. Embracing the “If Not” (Daniel 3:17-18)

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego declared that God could save them from the fiery furnace, but they added, “Even if He does not...” What other examples from Scripture demonstrate the same faith? How do you hold onto faith when it seems like God isn’t delivering you from a situation you desperately want to escape?

9. Community Support in Hard Times

- How has your church community or small group supported you during challenging times? What role does Christian fellowship play in helping you endure hardships?

What’s Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus

- **International Conference on Missions:** Nov. 14 – 16. Onsite or Online. Register for free!
- **Legacy’s Annual Banquet:** Nov. 17 at 5:00 pm. Overland Park Convention Center.

Overland Park Campus

- **Men’s Breakfast:** Oct. 26, 8:00 – 9:30 am. Cost \$5.
- **Life Group Leader Huddle:** Oct. 27, 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Lee’s Summit Campus

- **Chili Cookoff:** Oct. 14, 6:30 pm.
- **Practicing the Way Weekend:** Nov. 1-2 OR Nov 8-9.

Olathe Campus

- **Women’s Brunch:** Nov. 9. 9:00 – 11:30 am. Cost \$5.
- **Men’s Bible Study:** Saturdays, 7:00 – 8:30 am.

Blue Valley Campus

- **Women’s Event – International Connections:** Oct. 25 at 7:00 pm.
- **Flannel Sunday:** Nov. 3 following 10:45 am service.

Hispanic Ministry Campus

- **Women’s Bible Study:** Sept./Oct.
- **Marriage Night:** Oct. 25

Local Serving Opportunities to Share with Your Group:

These are the serving requests we have received over the past few weeks!

KU Campus Christians – For more info, contact Jill at kjinman@sbcglobal.net.

- Provide and serve a meal to KU Students on Monday nights. Great opportunity for a Life Group service project! Sign up here: [KUCC Meal Sign-Up for 2024-2025](#)