



Life Group Discussion Guide

September 8 – 2 Corinthians 4 – Power in Weakness

Icebreaker:

What is your favorite and least favorite chore and why?

Discussion Questions:

1. Suffering is a power in the Christian life.

- a. Ask someone in your group to read **2 Corinthians 4:1-7**.
- b. Paul uses the jars of clay metaphor to illustrate that our fragile exterior is contrasted by a powerful interior. This highlights the glory of what God is doing in our lives.
 - i. Do you ever struggle admitting to God or to others that you have weakness or fragility in your life? Why do you think that is? (ex. Pride – want to be perceived as capable. Ashamed – of mistakes or struggles. Fear – letting others down or failure.)
 - ii. In what areas of your life do you feel like a “jar of clay” right now? How might acknowledging this open the door for Christ to repair it so that God’s power can be revealed through you?
- c. The sermon used the Japanese art of Kintsugi as an analogy for how God transforms brokenness. Are there areas in your life where you see God’s “golden joinery” at work? How can you embrace and celebrate the beauty that comes from your brokenness?

2. Suffering is a platform.

- a. Ask someone in your group to read **2 Corinthians 4:8-12**.
- b. How does understanding that suffering is a platform that reveals the life of Jesus in us shift the way we approach suffering? Are there specific ways you can use your current struggles to point others to Christ?
- c. We were encouraged to reflect on the course of our lives (most difficult days or seasons, frustrations, disappointments, heartaches and pains, etc.). Instead of wishing we could erase, redo, or avoid these times of suffering, we should recognize the deep work on our souls that God did through these times.
 - i. Can anyone share a story where, during a time of weakness or suffering, you saw God’s strength or felt His deep work on your soul? How did this moment impact your faith?

3. Suffering is a path to hope.

- a. Ask someone in your group to read **2 Corinthians 4:12-18**.
- b. How does viewing your suffering in light of eternity help you to “not lose heart” (2 Corinthians 4:1)?
- c. In what way could you identify someone else who is struggling and pray for them to experience the hope of eternity? How could that build up your own hope?

4. Closing Commitments

- a. What areas of your life do you need to surrender to God and become a jar of clay so that God’s glory can be shown?
- b. Are there any specific areas of weakness or suffering in your life that the group can pray for?
- c. Are there any ways you see God’s glory being shown in the life of another group member? How can we as a group continue to support and encourage one another in our sufferings?
- d. Would you be willing to fast and pray for God’s people in India? On Monday, September 9th, the International Conference on Missions is asking for the Church to join and simply fast and pray for God to stop the persecution of Christians in India.
- e. Night of Prayer on September 23rd will focus on our weakness and the need for the Armor of God.

What’s Happening in the Life of Legacy:

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

All Campus

- **Fall Volleyball:** Beginning September 9, 6:30 – 9:30 pm game time. Cost \$10.
- **Legacy Moms:** Beginning September 10, 9:15 – 10:45 am.
- **Sword Ceremony:** September 15. First Graders receive a Bible!
- **Night of Prayer – Armor of God:** September 23, 6:30 – 7:30 pm at every campus.

Overland Park Campus

- **Women’s Line Dancing & Chili:** September 13, 6:00 – 9:00 pm.
- **Men’s Breakfast:** September 28, 8:00 – 9:30 am. Cost \$5.

Lee’s Summit Campus

- **Men’s BBQ Tour:** September 12 at 11:30 am. Meat Mitch BBQ.
- **Women’s Bible Study:** beginning Friday, Sept 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Revelation by Jen Wilkin.

Olathe Campus

- **Men’s Retreat:** September 13 at 6:00 pm to September 14. Cost \$10.
- **Chiefs Tailgate Party:** September 29 after 2nd Service. KC Wolf will be there 1:30 – 2:30.

Blue Valley Campus

- **Grief Share:** beginning September 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Blue Valley Campus. Cost \$10.
- **Women’s Game Night:** September 13 at 7:00 pm.

Hispanic Ministry Campus

- **Food in the Park: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage:** September 15
- **Life Group Evangelistic Training:** September 11 and 18