

Discussion Questions from May 5th

1. How would you define “the good life?” Why is that your ideal?
2. Pastor Dillon mentioned some disappointments that often show up in our lives and then said this: While we all want “the good life”, if we’re being perfectly honest, the “bad life” probably seems a little closer to reality. - Why do we often feel this way?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 - Knowing that Paul was a Godly man, why do you think God would allow Paul to experience all of these hard things?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-7 - In what ways can a “thorn in the flesh” be a good thing from God’s vantage point? (Leader’s Note: Be sure to highlight how our suffering can either testify to God’s goodness to others, or turn people away.)
5. Read 2 Corinthians: 12:7-9 - What are some of the ways Jesus’ grace is shown to be enough, especially when life is hard?
6. If we believe His grace is enough (as we should), how do we live that out in our lives so others can see, even when we don’t feel like it?
7. According to Verse 9, God’s power is made known in our weakness. In what ways has this been proven true in your own life?
8. From a practical standpoint, how do we lean into our weaknesses and allow God to work through those weaknesses? (Leader’s Note: God’s power should be put on display when this happens, so that He is the one who gets the glory. This is what we’re looking for.)
9. After this discussion, has your answer for #1 changed? Why/Why not?