

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS: Share the topic & takeaway this week from above

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK:

Were you able to have a God conversation with someone this past week?

GOD-STORIES: Make time to have someone each week share their personal story with the group.

REVIEW THE GUIDELINES: Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time

WEEK #3

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTION: What has been the most significant piece of advice you have ever received?

SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK" | NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT

Title: GOD STORIES - The Tale of 3

Theme: God's Comfort Through You

Takeaway: No matter what past difficulties you have had, God can use your experiences to help others.

SHARE BACKGROUND AND PROVIDE CONTEXT TO THE BIBLE STORY.

The Corinthian church faced challenges in maintaining its Christian faith and lifestyle amidst a culture of idolatry and immorality. The city had a reputation as one of the most immoral cities in the ancient world. The depravity that spread throughout the city of Corinth created divisiveness within the church. Paul attempted to provide guidance through personal visits and letters addressing their conflicts and problems. His initial letter dealt with specific moral issues, such as questions about sex, marriage, and tender consciences, and it was well-received by most. In 2 Corinthians, Paul commends the Corinthians for their progress in faith despite the extreme pressures surrounding them and affirms their commitment to Christ in their suffering. He was encouraged to see that most of them had taken his previous words to heart and were growing in their spiritual journey. In 2 Corinthians 1:1-7, Paul expresses gratitude for God's comfort in times of suffering and encourages believers to share that same comfort with others.

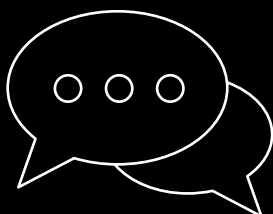
VOLUNTEER FROM LAST WEEK SHARES THE STORY (2 Corinthians 1:1-7)

INVITE EVERYONE TO ENGAGE BY BUILDING THE STORY.

READ SCRIPTURE OUT LOUD TO SEE IF ANYTHING WAS ADDED OR OMITTED

DIVE DEEPER WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How has God's comfort helped you through a difficult time?
2. How has that experience shaped your faith and perspective on suffering and comfort?
3. In what ways can you support and comfort others going through similar trials today, even if you can't physically be with them?
4. Who do you know needs to be comforted this week?
5. _____?



PRAYER REQUESTS

Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER.