

Small Groups and Personal Bible Study – Week of 11/26

This Weeks Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Daily Reading Schedule:

- Day 1 - 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
- Day 2 - 2 Corinthians 1:12-24
- Day 3 - 2 Corinthians 2:1-17
- Day 4 - 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
- Day 5 - 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Small Group Study: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

1. What do we learn about God our Father from these verses?

The Bible says that He is filled with compassion and He is all comfort. He isn't part of our comfort; He is all our comfort. He reaches out to those in trouble and is their helper and their hope.

2. From these verses, what do we learn about our own lives in Christ's service?

The Bible tells us that God has prepared us to comfort people. When we reach out to those that are hurting, we are the face and the arms of God. The power of Christ flows through our lives so that we can comfort people with His love.

3. How has God used a Christian friend to comfort you in your time of trouble?

Allow people to share their stories.

4. How has God brought you through suffering and prepared to reach out in compassion to hurting people?

This may provide opportunity for those who have suffered to begin to see how God can use them in the lives of others.

Some may be able to share how God has already used them for such an event. I have a friend who at a young age, before she was a Christian, had an abortion. She suffered many years with the denial and later pain of the abortion. Now, as a Christian woman, forgiven by God, He is using her to touch the lives of other women who have had abortions and are in pain and anguish.

The holidays represent a time of joy and celebration for us but for many people it is a time of depression for loss of suffering. Take time during these coming weeks to reach out with compassion and bring comfort to a hurting person you know. As a group, take some time out to pray for individuals that might be hurting today.