

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Hidden Treasures

Week 2: The Jar
2 Corinthians 4:7-10

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We continued our study in 2 Corinthians 4 by looking at why God chose to put his “all-surpassing” power in ordinary “jars of clay.” This study has the potential to relieve us of unwarranted guilt from not being perfect.

Kicking it off: Jeff’s friend found \$10,000 in a sour cream container in his father’s freezer. Have you ever been given the responsibility of sorting through the property of a deceased relative? Ever find anything interesting?

Discussion:

1. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:7 *We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

Last week, we learned that this treasure is “the knowledge of God’s glory.” How does knowing God’s glory (goodness) result in “all-surpassing power?”

2. The Lord wants onlookers to know that the power in us is from Him. According to verse 7, how does God accomplish this?

3. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:8 *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed.*

It is to be expected that even Christians feel stressed. That said, how should Christians be different as they deal with stress?

4. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:8 *We are perplexed, but not in despair.*

Even Christians struggle to make sense of why bad things happen to good people. That said, how should Christians process their confusion in life’s troubling events?

5. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:9 *We are persecuted, but not abandoned.*

Have you ever found comfort in God’s presence when you felt rejected by others? Tell about it.

6. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:9 *We are struck down, but not destroyed.*

Caeleb Dressel just won five gold medals in swimming events. He set the world record in the 100m butterfly. But there is more to his story. During his senior year of High School, his battle with “mental demons” was so severe, that he quit the swim team and gave up on the sport he excelled at. How is God using Caeleb’s meltdown to advance His cause?

7. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:10 *We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in us.*

What does this verse mean?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that God would reveal His glory by displaying His power in your painfully ordinary life.