

Small Group Questions

Reconciliation

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*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. If you had one extra hour of free time a day, how would you use it?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Shaun started his sermon by reminding us that difficulty and suffering should be expected. Since we know suffering will happen, what are some Godly ways that we can prepare for those dark times?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-10. Paul's suffering and affliction was so severe that he literally thought he was going to die. He faced burdens beyond his own strength, and he had no other option but to rely completely on God. Have you ever been there? Was there a time when you had nothing left to do but depend on God? How did He comfort you?

3. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to bear one another's burdens. Shaun pointed out that Christ is our ultimate hope and comfort, and we should point those that are suffering toward the hope of the gospel. What are some practical ways that we can comfort others and bring glory to God in the midst of suffering?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:11. When Paul prayed, and when he urged others to pray, what was he concerned about? Consider the following passages when answering this question and note what each one tells us about how Paul prays:

Ephesians 1: 15-22

Colossians 1:9-14