



MORE
Than
ENOUGH

God's Strength in Our Weakness
in 2 CORINTHIANS

Leader Guide

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Welcome! Before you read any further, we want to say how thankful we are for you, the leader. Thank you for your willingness to dive into Scripture, brew the coffee, place the chairs, and set aside the time regularly to meet with other women.

More Than Enough: God's Strength in Our Weakness in 2 Corinthians is a video-and-discussion-based Bible study from Christine Hoover. The teaching videos were filmed in front of a live audience in Austin, Texas.

Our goal for this leader guide is to help you feel equipped to facilitate and guide your Bible study group gatherings in a way that fosters genuine community, deep conversations, and transformational learning for you and the women you're leading.

We encourage you to use this study however it works best for you and your group. If you want to follow this leader guide to the letter, do that! If you want to do your own thing, feel free! Our goal is to give you all the tools you might need as you lead your specific group in your specific setting.

We are grateful for you and praying for you as you lead this study.

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WEEKLY GROUP MEETING

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

8 Group Meetings • Meeting Length: 1.5 hours

SESSION ONE Introduction: Distribute Bible study books, get to know one another, and watch the Session One video. There is no personal study for Session One.

SESSION TWO Review the Session Two personal Bible study. Watch the Session Two video and discuss the video teaching.

SESSION THREE Review the Session Three personal Bible study. Watch the Session Three video and discuss the video teaching.

SESSION FOUR Review the Session Four personal Bible study. Watch the Session Four video and discuss the video teaching.

SESSION FIVE Review the Session Five personal Bible study. Watch the Session Five video and discuss the video teaching.

SESSION SIX Review the Session Six personal Bible study. Watch the Session Six video and discuss the video teaching.

SESSION SEVEN Review the Session Seven personal Bible study. Watch the Session Seven video and discuss the video teaching.

SESSION EIGHT Review the Session Eight personal Bible study. Watch the Session Eight video and discuss the video teaching.



HOW TO STRUCTURE YOUR GROUP TIME

Each group session (except for Session One) contains the following elements. We've included a suggested amount of time based on a 1.5 hour group meeting. Adjust as you need to for the time you have together.

GATHER (10 MINUTES) This is a time to greet and welcome everyone and to get them talking. We've provided you with a few general icebreaker questions for Session One, then one ice breaker question for each subsequent session.

REVIEW (20 MINUTES) We've provided a general question to start and finish the review, and also one question from each day of study to help generate discussion. Feel free to use any or all of these questions, along with others you've identified from the personal study that you feel would be pertinent for your group to discuss.

WATCH AND DISCUSS (50 MINUTES) Play the teaching video, encouraging the women to take notes on the Viewing Guide page for that specific session. (A downloadable answer sheet for the Viewing Guide can be found at lifeway.com/morethanenough.)

You'll find a list of discussion questions designed to help you facilitate conversation around each teaching video on the Group Guide pages in the Bible study book and in this Leader Guide. We encourage you to preview each teaching video and then pick and choose the question you want to discuss with your group.

CLOSE (10 MINUTES) Closing activity ideas and/or prayer prompts have been provided for each session. Use this however you wish to enhance or close your group time.

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU LEAD

HOW TO WATCH YOUR VIDEOS. The videos for this study are available for streaming through the digital access code on the last page of your Bible study book. Look for the cardstock page labeled “**Here’s Your Video Access**” and follow the two steps that prompt you to enter your unique redemption code to gain your video streaming access.

If your group doesn’t have adequate internet connection for video streaming, DVD sets are available for purchase at lifeway.com/morethanenough.

Each video is intended to be viewed after completing the accompanying week of personal study. We strongly recommend you use the teaching videos as a part of this study, but you can still discover truth from Scripture and grow in your walk with God by simply doing the print portion if your setting doesn’t allow for video.

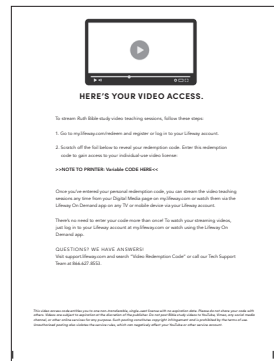
GET THE WORD OUT. Be sure to advertise the study early and utilize all methods for getting the word out. Post it on your church’s website, send emails to potential attendees, and promote it on all forms of social media. It’s best to start advertising the study four to six weeks before it begins. The study is seven sessions long, which means you will meet seven or eight times. Visit lifeway.com/morethanenough for free promotional materials to help get the word out about your study.

SCHEDULE. Be sure to make everyone aware of the schedule ahead of time and start promptly each week to honor everyone’s time. In your group time, you will watch the teaching video together and discuss what you’re learning. You’ll also be encouraged to spend a good bit of time in prayer.

STAY IN TOUCH. Prepare a sign-up sheet with space for names, email addresses, and phone numbers. You may also include information like birthdays, social media handles, and favorite candy so that you can foster community among group members.

GET COZY. Make an effort to create a comfortable environment for group meetings. Arrange chairs in a circle to encourage conversation. If your group is large, you may want to watch the teaching video together and then split into smaller groups for the discussion time. If you choose to do so, enlist discussion leaders for each group to keep the conversation moving and focused.

CHILDCARE. Check with participants to see if childcare is needed and organize leaders and space for the children in advance.



BIBLE STUDY BOOKS. Each participant will need a Bible study book. Make sure you leave plenty of time for all the books to be ordered and received between announcing and starting your Bible study. Consider offering a scholarship or buy-one-give-one option for those who cannot afford a study book on their own.

EARLY PREP. We encourage you to read through the entire leader guide before the first session and evaluate how this will work best for your group. Highlight specific questions from the leader guide you want to make sure you cover during your group time. We recommend watching the teaching video sessions prior to your meeting, taking note of anything you may want to highlight from the teaching. And be sure you stay on top of your own personal study between each meeting! We've left room in the leader guide for you to write down additional talking points and questions you want to pull in from the personal study.

PERSONAL STUDY. Between each meeting, there are five days of personal study to complete in the Bible study book.

PRAYER. Most importantly, be sure to pray for the women who attend the study. And pray for yourself as you prepare to lead. Ask God to draw the women closer to Him as they learn more about the book of 2 Corinthians.

EVALUATE. At the end of each group session, ask yourself: *What went well? What could be improved? Did you see women's lives transformed? Did your group grow closer to Christ and to one another?* Also, do a final evaluation at the close of the study.

CONNECT. Find ways to interact and stay engaged with each member of your group throughout the study. Make use of social media, email, text messages, and handwritten notes to encourage them. Continue these connections even after the study ends.

Next, we've provided a discussion guide for each session. Remember these are simply suggestions for how to use your time together. We want to empower you as you lead to do what is best for your group!

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SESSION 1

Introduction to 2 Corinthians

GATHER. Welcome participants to the study and distribute Bible study books to each group member. Encourage them to pair up with another woman and choose one of the five icebreaker question from the list below to discuss together. After a few minutes, pair up with someone else and choose a different question to discuss.

What is the best meal you've ever eaten?

On what topic could you give a twenty-minute presentation without advance notice or preparation?

What skill do you think everyone should have?

What's your favorite sport to watch?

What's your idea of fun?

Continue a time of getting to know each other by asking the following questions:

Why did you choose do this study and what do you hope to get out of our time together over the next eight weeks?

What is your confidence level when it comes to in-depth Bible study?
Share how the group can best help or support you as you study.

WATCH AND DISCUSS. Watch the Session One video teaching, then discuss the following questions.

Which part of the video teaching did you find most interesting and helpful?

Which of the following themes mentioned in the video teaching are you most intrigued to learn more about and why?

1. The gospel of Jesus Christ has practical, doctrinal, and relational implications for His church.
2. Christ's generosity fuels and motivates our own generosity toward others.
3. God's power and glory are best displayed in our weakness.

In the teaching video, you were tasked with jotting down a circumstance you're currently facing that makes you feel weak or helpless. Consider sharing what you wrote and how you want God to work in your life over the next eight weeks.

CLOSE.

Take a moment to share about the weekly structure and the five days of personal study to complete in each week. Encourage women to do what they can. If they are unable to finish all five days of the personal study, they can still learn and contribute to the group time each week. Brainstorm specific times when they might try to complete their personal study each day.

Set the commitment and time expectations you have for your group, and take the opportunity to cover any important housekeeping notes.

Remind your group to work on their memory verse for the week (you can find the list of suggested memory verses on page 201 in your Bible study book) and complete Session Two of the Bible study book before your next group gathering.

Close with prayer.

SESSION TWO

More than Enough for Suffering

GATHER. Welcome participants back to the study. Use the following ice breaker to get your group talking.

What's the best vacation you've been on? Do you like to plan your own vacation itinerary or have it planned for you? Why?

REVIEW. Take a few moments to review the Session Two personal Bible study. Feel free to use any or all of these questions, along with others you've identified from the personal study that you feel would be pertinent for your group to discuss.

What was your favorite day of study and why?

DAY 1 (question 11): In what affliction do you currently need comfort? Are you turning to God for comfort or to someone or something else? If to someone or something else, are you finding comfort there?

DAY 2 (question 8): Paul said God delivered him out of persecution and shared his deep assurance with the Corinthians that God would deliver him from future suffering. Can we be assured that God will deliver us from every affliction? What sort of deliverance do you think Paul had in mind?

DAY 3 (question 6): The dictionary defines boasting as "speaking with exaggeration and excessive pride, especially about oneself." We would call this sinful boasting. What do you think it means to "boast in the Lord"?

DAY 4 (question 7): What do you think it means that "every one of God's promises is 'Yes'" in Jesus? Which of the promises listed in question 10 did you star and why?

DAY 5 (question 9): What is the purpose of a church disciplining a member who is in unrepentant sin?

What questions do you have from your personal study?

WATCH AND DISCUSS. Play the teaching video for Session Two. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on the Session Two Viewing Guide (page 34 in the Bible study book).

Use the following questions to debrief the Session Two video teaching. You can also find these questions on page 35 in your Bible study book.

What are some things outside of God and His Word that you have turned to for comfort?

Christine said that God's comfort lessens the blow of affliction and gives us power to face our difficulties. How have you experienced that in the past and/or are experiencing it now?

When you look back at the suffering and affliction you've experienced, how has God used that for your good and His glory?

Christine talked about the pattern of "God > me > we > God" in explaining how we experience and provide comfort. What did she mean?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:4. What did Paul mean when he said we comfort others through the comfort we receive from God? How have you experienced this in your life?

Review the five ways we can help comfort others in their suffering. Share an example of how you have both received and given comfort in one or two of these ways.

What is your main takeaway from this video teaching and why?

CLOSE.

Ask your group this closing question:

What truths about God did you learn this week that show He is more than enough for you in the midst of suffering?

Be sensitive to the needs of women in your group who have shared hurts or difficulties they are currently walking through. Provide a time for your group to pray for one another concerning these sufferings. This could be one person praying over the group, or perhaps a time for your group to gather around those suffering and pray for them.

SESSION THREE

More than Enough for Service

GATHER. Welcome participants back to the study. Use the following ice breaker to get your group talking.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what skill/talent do you possess that would be useful? What skill/talent do you think would be most useful that you don't possess?

REVIEW. Take a few moments to review the Session Three personal Bible study. Feel free to use any or all of these questions, along with others you've identified from the personal study that you feel would be pertinent for your group to discuss.

What was your favorite day of study and why?

DAY 1 (question 11): Adopting which of the two postures that Paul mentioned would help you better live and serve with sincerity: knowing you're commissioned by God to serve Him or knowing that you're serving "in the sight of God"?

DAY 2 (question 8): Paul said his role in serving the Corinthians was simply delivering the letter. What does this teach us about our own service and ministry to others? What is true gospel ministry?

DAY 3 (question 9): What do you tend to look to for confidence or adequacy that is not from God or based on God's ability? In what area of your life do you need to rely on the Spirit of God to do the work rather than on what you're currently depending?

DAY 4 (question 4): Who has the most influence on you spiritually? Who do you seek advice or wisdom from? Are any of these influences ministering a type of law to you? In other words, do they give you "do more, try harder" instructions or formulas that cultivate a reliance on yourself or your own actions and promise certain outcomes? Explain.

DAY 5 (question 11): What is the motivation or fuel for your service to others? How does Paul's ministry challenge you?

What questions do you have from your personal study?

WATCH AND DISCUSS. Play the teaching video for Session Three. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on the Session Three Viewing Guide (page 62 of the Bible study book).

Use the following questions to debrief the Session Three video teaching. You can also find these questions on page 63 in the Bible study book.

Christine said serving others is rarely easy. Why would she say that? Do you agree? Explain.

Why is our internal motivation to serve so integral to our service?

Why is it important to our sacrificial service that we remember we don't control outcomes?

Christine said the intersection of where our affliction and God's comfort meet quite often turns out to become our sacrificial service. What did she mean? How have you seen that be the case in your life?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:5-6. When was a time you tried to serve God out of your own competency and strength? What was the result?

Christine talked about getting the "but what abouts" when called to go and plant a church. What are your go-to "but what abouts" when God is calling you to ministry or service?

What does it look like practically to rest in the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's work through you? What's keeping you from doing that?

What is your main takeaway from this video teaching and why?

CLOSE. Ask your group this closing question:

What truths about God did you learn this week that show He is more than enough for you in your service to Him and for others?

Close in prayer, thanking God for giving you the competency and opportunities to serve Him. Ask Him to show you other ways you can serve Him both as individuals and as a group.

SESSION FOUR

More than Enough for Steadfastness

GATHER. Welcome participants back to the study. Use the following ice breaker to get your group talking.

What activity did you give up in childhood that you wish you'd continued?

REVIEW. Take a few moments to review the Session Four personal Bible study. Feel free to use any or all of these questions, along with others you've identified from the personal study that you feel would be pertinent for your group to discuss.

What was your favorite day of study and why?

DAY 1 (question 11): What are some talents, skills, and spiritual gifts God has given you to steward in service to Him? What roles and ministry opportunities has He given you in which to serve Him? How does considering all these gifts of mercy as directly from God's hand alter the way you view them or the way you serve?

DAY 2 (question 12): Are you willing to experience or display weakness? If not, how might this hinder you from understanding the gospel and demonstrating and proclaiming the gospel to others?

DAY 3 (question 12): In what ways have you spiritually given up, or been tempted to give up? How does looking ahead to your resurrection and the resurrection of other believers adjust your perspective on those areas of struggle? How does it inform how you will live in the present?

DAY 4 (question 12): Another word for *groaning* is longing. Are you longing for heaven? If not, why not? And if not, what are some things you are longing for? If so, what fuels your longing for heaven and how can you prioritize those things more?

DAY 5 (question 8): How does knowing you'll give an account to Christ for your service to Him fuel your steadfastness?

What questions do you have from your personal study?

WATCH AND DISCUSS. Play the teaching video for Session Four. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on the Session Four Viewing Guide (page 86 in the Bible study book).

Use the following questions to debrief the Session Four video teaching. You can also find these questions on page 87 in your Bible study book.

Have you ever started something difficult but gave up before you finished? If so, share the experience.

What does it mean to be steadfast? Would you characterize yourself as steadfast? Why or why not?

In what ways has your path of life been rocky? If so, do you embrace this reality or run from it? Explain.

Christine said that if we run from this reality, we miss out on experiencing the power of God in our lives. Do you agree? If so, how do we miss it?

How does looking back on God's faithfulness in Scripture and in your life help you remain steadfast? Name some ways God has been faithful to you in the past.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How do we keep our focus on what is unseen rather than what is seen? What makes that hard to do?

How will continuing to look forward help you remain spiritually steadfast?

What is your main takeaway from this video teaching and why?

CLOSE. Ask your group this closing question:

What truths about God did you learn this week that show He is more than enough for you to remain steadfastness in life and ministry?

Provide a moment for a few group members to pray aloud, thanking God for how He's worked in the past and asking Him to give you strength to keep looking forward to what He's going to do in the future.

SESSION FIVE

More than Enough for Sincerity

GATHER. Welcome participants back to the study. Use the following ice breaker to get your group talking.

Have you ever had a funny experience at church? If so, share it with your group.

REVIEW. Take a few moments to review the Session Five personal Bible study. Feel free to use any or all of these questions, along with others you've identified from the personal study that you feel would be pertinent for your group to discuss.

DAY 1 (question 13): A summary of verses 14–15 could be seen as Paul's life motto: One died for all; all live for One. Could you say this is also your life motto? In other words, who or what are you living for? What compels you? Who or what dominates your thoughts as you make decisions or serve others? Be honest with yourself and with God. What, if anything, do you need to confess and repent of?

DAY 2 (summary question): Trying to always please people is a huge hindrance to sincere gospel ministry. Are you overly concerned with how people perceive you? If so, are any of the components Paul mentioned that he relied on missing from your life? If so, which ones?

DAY 3 (question 13): Has someone ever acted as a type of parent or as a dear friend and offered correction as Paul did with the Corinthians? What was your response? Why is it so difficult for us to "open wide our hearts" to those who offer us correction?

DAY 4 (question 11): Have you experienced godly grief over your sin? If so, how was the experience and the result of godly grief different than the experience of worldly grief?

DAY 5 (question 14): Sin doesn't just affect the individual; it affects the whole community. Similarly, repentance(or lack thereof) affects the whole community. How have you been affected by someone's evident repentance or their lack of repentance?

What questions do you have from your personal study?

WATCH AND DISCUSS. Play the teaching video for Session Five. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on the Session Five Viewing Guide (page 114 in the Bible study book).

Use the following questions to debrief the Session Five video teaching. You can also find these questions on page 115 in the Bible study book.

Christine said that the calling for every Christian is that we represent Christ in the world, and we live a life that aligns with and reflects His message and His demeanor. Would you say that describes your life? If so, how? If not, why not?

As God's ambassadors, we're to be sincere in motivations, relationships, and actions. Which of those three do you struggle to be sincere in the most? Why?

Christine said that when Paul was squeezed by the circumstances of life, what came out of him commended the truth of who God is and what he does. What comes out of you when life circumstances squeeze you?

What are some false teachings you've yoked yourself to in the past? What was the source? How can we stay alert to not fall to these kinds of falsehood?

Does repentance come easy for you? Explain. Share a refreshing moment in your life where repentance put you back on track with the Lord.

What are some ways you are currently pursuing holiness?

What is your main takeaway from this video teaching and why?

CLOSE. Ask your group this closing question:

What truths about God did you learn this week that show He is more than enough for you as you live a life of sincerity?

Call on a volunteer to pray and ask God to help group members live lives of sincerity as they carry out their calling of being His ambassadors in the world.

SESSION SIX

More than Enough for Sharing

GATHER. Welcome participants back to the study. Use the following ice breaker to get your group talking.

What is the best gift you've ever received? What made it the best?

REVIEW. Take a few moments to review the Session Six personal Bible study. Feel free to use any or all of these questions, along with others you've identified from the personal study that you feel would be pertinent for your group to discuss.

What was your favorite day of study and why?

DAY 1 (question 13): Consider who you are—personality, giftedness—and what you have—your possessions, roles, and influence—as undeserved gifts from God. What does that understanding spark in you? Is there an action you need to take as a result? Explain.

DAY 2 (question 13): Clearly, a believer is meant to put her heart into giving. Are there ways you're giving of yourself or of your money that are dutiful actions where your heart is not engaged in the process? If so, what do you need to do differently?

DAY 3 (question 11): Paul's final description of the two brothers is that they are leaders who bring fame and honor to the name of Christ. Think of a leader who puts a spotlight on Christ rather than on themselves. What about that leader's character or actions brings glory to Christ?

DAY 4 (question 13): Are you a stingy sower or a generous sower? How does Paul's use of the sowing and reaping analogy challenge your attitude toward giving?

DAY 5 (question 7): If generosity results in such valuable personal and corporate benefits, why do you think Christians at times find it so difficult to generously give their money? What hinders generous giving?

What questions do you have from your personal study?

WATCH AND DISCUSS. Play the teaching video for Session Six. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on the Session Six Viewing Guide (page 142 in the Bible study book).

Use the following questions to debrief the Session Six video teaching. You can also find these questions on page 143 in your Bible study book.

Would you say you have a good understanding of grace? Why or why not? How would you explain it to a nonbeliever?

Why is having a good understanding of grace so vital to being a generous person?

What emotions or words do you associate with financial giving and why?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. What are your thoughts about the Macedonian churches when you hear their story? Are you amazed? Convicted? Inspired? How are they an example for all of us in our giving?

Share some moments in your life when God has been generous to you.

What does it mean to be a cheerful giver and would you call yourself one? Why or why not?

We should always give trusting there will be spiritual harvest, but sometimes we're unable to physically see the results. However, there are times we can see tangible results of how God used our sacrificial giving for His purpose. Share some of those experiences.

What is your main takeaway from this video teaching and why?

CLOSE. Ask your group this closing question:

What truths about God did you learn this week that show He is more than enough for your generous giving?

Provide a few moments of silence for group members to thank the Lord Jesus for being so generous in giving of Himself and showing the supreme example of sacrificial giving. Encourage them to ask the Holy Spirit to help them honestly assess whether they have generous hearts and then to have courage to take action on what He reveals.

SESSION SEVEN

More than Enough for Strength

GATHER. Welcome participants back to the study. Use the following ice breaker to get your group talking.

Share one of your most embarrassing moments.

REVIEW. Take a few moments to review the Session Seven personal Bible study. Feel free to use any or all of these questions, along with others you've identified from the personal study that you feel would be pertinent for your group to discuss.

What was your favorite day of study and why?

DAY 1 (question 7): Define meekness or gentleness in your own words.

DAY 2 (question 9): Paul measured himself by objective standards rather than arbitrary ones: faithfulness in the specific boundaries of ministry he'd been given, and the pleasure and approval of the Lord Jesus Christ. How can we know we're living according to this objective standard?

DAY 3 (question 15): What common thought patterns does the enemy use to seduce you away from devotion to Christ? How can you take these thoughts captive according to the truth of God and His love for you?

DAY 4 (question 11): Are you comfortable with your weaknesses and able to talk about them freely with trusted people in your life? Or do you tend to feel shame about them? Hide them? Ignore them? Explain. Why is it important for you to be authentic and transparent about your struggles in appropriate settings? How does Paul's perspective challenge or encourage you?

DAY 5 (questions 15 and 16): Are you enduring a difficulty that helps you resonate with Paul's thorn in the flesh? If so, how has God's grace been sufficient for you and, like Paul, how has it been a platform for you to testify about and display God's power in your life? How has seeing God's power displayed in your weakness helped you come to terms with and even embrace life's difficulties?

What questions do you have from your personal study?

WATCH AND DISCUSS. Play the teaching video for Session Seven. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on the Session Seven Viewing Guide (page 172 of the Bible study book).

Use the following questions to debrief the Session Seven video teaching. You can also find these questions on page 173 in the Bible study book.

What would you say are the characteristics of a boastful person?

What causes us to boast? What do you find yourself boasting about the most, even if it's just in your own head?

Why is a boastful spirit so detrimental to our walk with and witness for Christ?

Some of the Corinthians were drawn to the boastful false teachers. Why are we sometimes drawn to boastful people?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. How do Paul's words in this passage sit with you? Are you able to make that same confession? If so, how? If not, what holds you back?

What makes it so difficult to admit weakness?

How has weakness and suffering been a catalyst to draw you closer to the Lord?

What is your main takeaway from this video teaching and why?

CLOSE. Ask your group this closing question:

What truths about God did you learn this week that show He is more than enough strength in your weakness?

Provide a few moments for volunteers to share brief testimonies of how God has been strong in their weaknesses. After some have shared, pray over the group, thanking God for His grace being sufficient in every part of your lives—especially your weaknesses.

SESSION EIGHT

More than Enough for Salvation and Sanctification

GATHER. Welcome participants back to the study. Use the following ice breaker to get your group talking.

What was your worst test-taking experience?

REVIEW. Take a few moments to review the Session Eight personal Bible study. Feel free to use any or all of these questions, along with others you've identified from the personal study that you feel would be pertinent for your group to discuss.

What was your favorite day of study and why?

DAY 1 (question 12): Is there someone in your life who has persevered through hardship and has commendable faith and character? If so, who is it and why did you choose that person?

DAY 2 (question 11): Where do you have opportunities for leadership and influence within your church? How do you practically seek the salvation and sanctification of those you lead and serve? In what ways are you tempted to make it about yourself rather than Christ and the needs of those you lead?

DAY 3 (question 11): In what areas of your life are you overly concerned or even obsessed with your self-created standards or the standards of others? How does this affect your walk with Christ and your witness for Him? What would change if you decided to instead live "in the sight of God" alone?

DAY 4 (question 12): Have you ever experienced the discipline of the Lord? What did that discipline produce in you? Was there someone involved in that process similar to how Paul related to the Corinthians? If so, how did that person help you work through this time of discipline?

DAY 5 (question 12): Are you currently pursuing spiritual maturity? If so, in what ways? If not, why not? What actions do you need to take to do so?

What questions do you have from your personal study?

WATCH AND DISCUSS. Play the teaching video for Session Eight. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on the Session Eight Viewing Guide (page 198 in the Bible study book).

Use the following questions to debrief the Session Eight video teaching. You can also find these questions on page 199 in your Bible study book.

Have you ever experienced church hurt? Without sharing names and details, what happened and how did you handle it?

Summarize how Paul dealt with the hurt he'd received from the Corinthians and how you can apply that to your hurtful situations.

Christine said Paul was a "there you are" person rather than a "here I am" person. Explain what she meant and share whether you consider yourself a "there you are" person. If so, what is the evidence? If not, why not?

How do you respond to Paul's command in 13:5 to "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith"? Do you see it as a healthy request? An offensive challenge? A frightening appeal?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:11. What are the signs of maturity Paul shared and how do you measure up? Which of these do you struggle with most and why? How are you seeing spiritual maturity take place in your life?

What are the ways you are clinging closely to God and His Word?

What is your main takeaway from this video teaching and why?

What is your main takeaway from this study of 2 Corinthians? What steps are you going to take to apply what you've learned?

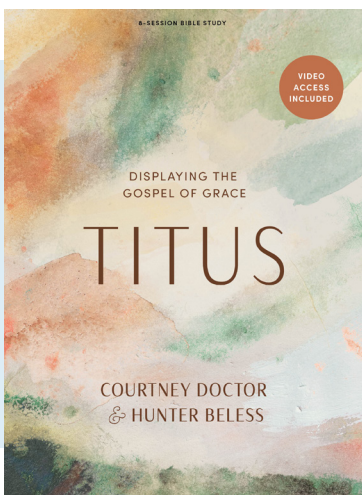
CLOSE. Ask your group this closing question:

What truths about God did you learn this week that show He is more than enough for salvation and sanctification—for you and others?

Provide time for prayer, giving any who want to pray an opportunity to thank God for what He has taught them through this study of 2 Corinthians.

FINISHING WELL

NEXT STEPS. Even after the study concludes, follow up and challenge women to stay involved through another Bible study, church opportunity, or anything that will continue their spiritual growth and friendships. Provide several options of ministry opportunities the members can participate in individually or as a group to apply what they have learned through this study.



What's Next?

If you enjoyed this study, check out the study *Titus: Displaying the Gospel of Grace*, by Courtney Doctor and Hunter Beless.

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INTRODUCING BIBLE STUDIES

with VIDEO ACCESS INCLUDED!

As trends in media consumption change from DVDs to streaming video, Lifeway made the decision to invest in technology that would allow for Bible studies to be accessed through mobile devices and smart TVs in addition to our website.

The concept of a Bible study book with video access allows us to use the technology to give all participants easier access to teaching videos. This will alleviate a concern we have heard from many group leaders of members who stop coming to their group after they miss a week of study.

How will customers access the videos that come with their Bible study book?

There is a unique access code printed in each Bible study book. They will access their video content at my.lifeway.com or through the Lifeway On Demand app.

How long will they have access to the videos that come with their Bible study book?

There is no expiration date on the video access that comes with their Bible study book. They'll be able to access it as long as it is available through our Lifeway On Demand video apps.

What are the benefits of video access being included in each Bible study book?

- This provides more flexibility for group meeting time. Groups now have the option to have members watch video sessions outside of meetings to allow more time for discussion.
- If a group member misses a weekly group meeting due to sickness or travel, they will be able to access the video content on their own and continue in their study.
- Group members can re-watch video sessions that were particularly impactful on their own time.
- This simplifies what a group leader needs to facilitate Bible study. You'll now get everything you need with just the Bible study book.

- Our goal is to provide an affordable option for both individuals and churches looking for Bible study options.

What do churches and individuals need to lead a group?

Each group member will need a Bible study book, which will include video access. There is also a DVD option for groups who want a non-streaming viewing option. In addition, select studies provide a Video Streaming - Group option for groups who choose not to use the Bible study books. For the best experience, we recommend each group member have a Bible study book.

When do group leaders need a DVD Set?

Because the Bible study book includes video streaming access, the purchase of the DVD set is optional (not essential) for group leaders. This option is for groups who may not have reliable streaming internet access.