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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Guide – June 6/72026

GATHER + GROW

Deeply rooted by being formed through the word of God.

This biblically based content overlaps with the current weekend teaching at your Northview campus and positions you, as a group, to be shaped by studying Scripture.

- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence + ask for his help to hear what he's saying through the text.
- **Share a takeaway from the June 6/7 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"
- **Facilitate a brief study of 2 Cor 7:5-16**

Start the conversation with an 'Icebreaker.'

What is one missed opportunity that you regret and wish you could do over? (can be funny!)

Study Step 1: Read 2 Corinthians 7:5-16

Familiarize yourself with this section of verses. (Note characters, commands, key/repeated words!)

Study Step 2: Understand Their Story

Ask *observation questions* to understand what the author is communicating to the original audience.

- **Take a look at 2 Cor 7:5-7**
 - Paul is recounting the trials he is facing - conflicts from the outside and fear within. Who brought him comfort in verses 6 and 7?

- **Take a look at 2 Cor 7:8-13**

- Read verse 8 and 9, what is Paul saying about regretting writing them the last letter?

- Read verses 10-13 again, what is Paul teaching us about sorrow?

- What else did this godly sorrow bring about in the Corinthians in verse 11?

- *Reflection question: Paul wrote to the Corinthians not primarily to deal with the conflict situation, but to show them how devoted the Corinthians were to him! Why do you think this matters to Paul? Why is he encouraged?*

- **Take a look at 2 Cor 7:14-16**

- Describe the relationship between Titus, Paul and Corinth?

- What is the result with regards to Paul's view of this church?

- Take these observations into the next step below

Study Step 3: Connect To God's Story –

Ask questions to understand how this text fits in the larger gospel story.

We've selected a few connections that are here to a) expand on the content of the passage and/or b) clarify the content of the passage.

- **For further study on your own:**

- **Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it.** As an apostle, and the founder of this church, Paul was responsible for its purity and therefore he had sent them a difficult letter of correction (see 2 Cor. 2:1-4, 9 for a refresher). Let's look at some other instances where church leaders or Jesus Himself corrects believers.

Read Mark 8:31-33. What was Peter's mistake? How did he need to change his thinking?

Read 2 Timothy 2:23-26. What should characterize "the Lord's servant"?

What should he do to those who oppose him? Why?

Read Titus 1:10-14. What is the problem/danger/reason for the rebuke?

What is the desired response of the rebuke? How do these passages connect to Paul's interaction with the Corinthians?

How does this challenge or encourage you as you think about your own church leaders and their responsibility to lead and care for you?

How does it change your perspective when they share a difficult message or rebuke with you?

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Deeply rooted by participating in the mission of God.

These culturally relevant applications are meant, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, to prompt actions that bring the life of God's kingdom into us and out to others.

- Pray for those far from God that you personally know, by name.
- Is there something that seems especially relevant for us to do personally based on our discussion?
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do together based on our discussion?
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do to spend time with someone who doesn't yet follow Jesus? Or to make/strengthen connections with our neighbours?