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**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Community Group Leader's Guide – June 6/7 2026**

## 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. Idea: ask another person to do this. A sample prayer: **"Father, thank you for this time we have. We acknowledge that you are here with us and we ask for your help to hear what you're saying through your word by your Spirit. We commit our time to you for your glory and our good. Amen."**
- **Share a takeaway from the June 6/7 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?" For each person to share an insight they got or an action step they are taking from the sermon could use up your time. This might be a good use of your time, but if you want to go further into the study of the text below, indicate this upfront
- **Facilitate a brief study of 2 Cor 7:15-16**  
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 – (With answer key + leaders notes)

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?
    - **God who comforts the downcast (6a)**
    - **He sent Titus (6b)**
    - **Paul derived comfort from the Corinthians care for both Paul and Titus (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?
    - **He regretted sending it at first because it hurt the Corinthians (8)**
    - **But Paul changed his mind as the letter bore fruit in the Corinthians (9)**
  - Read verses 10-13 again, what is Paul teaching us about sorrow?
    - **There is a difference between godly and worldly sorrow (10a)**
    - **One leads to repentance and salvation with no regrets, the other leads to death (10b)**
  - What else did this godly sorrow bring about in the Corinthians in verse 11?
    - **Earnestness**
    - **Eagerness to clear themselves**
    - **Righteous indignation**
    - **Alarm**
    - **Longing**
    - **Concern**
    - **Readiness to pursue justice**
    - **Proving themselves to be innocent**
  
- *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?
    - **Paul was confident that the Corinthians would welcome him well and take care of him**
    - **Titus' was greatly encouraged by the Corinthians**
    - **Paul was greatly encouraged by the fact that the Corinthian church did not disappoint him**
    - **Titus told Paul about their obedience, how with fear they received him**
  - What is the result with regards to Paul's view of this church?
    - **Paul has full confidence in them (16)**
  
- 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?
  - **Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.** Look up the following passages and identify the cause of sorrow, the resulting action taken and/or God's response, and whether the passage illustrates godly sorrow or worldly sorrow.
    - Numbers 14:26-39 Numbers 14:39-45
    - Psalm 51:1-16 Psalm 51:1-4, 10-13, 17
    - Jonah 3:1-4 Jonah 3:5-1
    - Matthew 27:1-3 Matthew 27:4-5
    - James 4:1-6 James 4:7-10

## Step 4: Apply To Our Story

Ask questions to discern what God is telling us to do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- Have you ever had to confront someone about sin? How did they receive it? Can you think of a time where you really struggled with the uncomfortable task to confront people!
- Who is the person that God sent to you (either for a season or in the moment or permanently) that brought you great comfort in times of suffering or challenge?!
- Do you know of a testimony/story where you witnessed the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow that led to someone's repentance?
- Spend some time praying to the Lord, thanking him for the comfort he brings to his children in many ways!

# GO

**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.

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- Pray for those far from God that you personally know, by name.

**Leaders note: This is something that we're putting deliberately at the top here. Every time.**

**("5x5x5 cards" are available at each campus on the weekend, and our "Loving The Lost" group prayer guide is attached to our weekly group leader email.)**

- Is there something that seems especially relevant for us to do personally based on our discussion?

**Leaders note: This is something that may overlap with the "Apply To Our Story" step in the "GROW" section above, but here it is meant to help narrow down a specific thing that people actually plan to commit to doing.**

- Is there something we as a group should plan to do together based on our discussion?

**Leaders note: Depending on the applications you've discussed in the "GROW" section, there could be opportunities to serve others as a group. Or, perhaps to gather for worship, prayer, and/or equipping together.**

- 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?