

GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

March 14, 2021 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 "Power in Suffering"

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1. ICE BREAKER: Matt talked about things of immense value (Michelangelo's David, the Hope Diamond, etc.). What is the most valuable thing you have ever seen or held?
- 2. Verse 7 says that we are clay pots, but that we are holding something of immeasurable value.
 - a. Why does God use broken vessels to bring His gospel to the world?
 - b. How does the fact that we are fragile vessels help produce humility in us, especially as we proclaim the gospel?
- 3. Verses 8-9 say that we will be afflicted, perplexed, persecuted, and struck down; however, we will not be crushed, driven to despair, forsaken, or destroyed.
 - a. Why aren't Christians driven to despair by the perplexing things of this world?
 - b. In the midst of these afflictions, why is it comforting that God will not forsake us?
 - c. Even when we are struck down, God "won't allow our afflictions to be victorious". How does our relying on Christ power in the midst of affliction help point others to Christ?
- 4. Pastor Matt pointed out that verse 14 makes it clear that all believers will be with Christ forever.
 - a. How does knowing that you will be with Christ for eternity motivate you to live faithfully for Jesus now?
 - b. How does knowing that we will be with him together (v. 14 "[He will] bring us with you into his presence") motivate us to invest in one another?