

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

**In preparation for Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**Passage: 2 Cor 12:1-10**

Memory Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

### **DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.** Skim through 1 & 2 Corinthians. What types of problems were occurring in this church?

(b) What sorts of false teachings and accusations are being brought into the church? (See 2 Cor.10:1-2,10; 11:1-6, 12-15, 21; 12:11)

(c) Read Chapters 10-12. What is the flow of Paul's defense in chapters 10-12?

### **DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.** How is vs. 1 connected to the previous text (2 Cor. 11:30-33)?

(b) What repeated words do you notice in this text?

(c) Find the main units of thought in 2 Cor. 12:1-10. How are these units of thought connected? (Hint: in order to find the units of thought, be on the lookout for progressions of thought, changes in subject, repetition, etc.)

### **DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.** What is motivating Paul to speak about his visions and revelations in vs. 1-6, especially considering that vs. 1 says, "there is nothing to be gained by it"?

(b) Describe the vision Paul experienced in vs. 1-6. What is Paul referring to by "third heaven" (vs. 2) and "paradise" (vs. 3)?

(c) What does Paul mean in vs. 5 when he says that he will boast on behalf of this man, but not on his own behalf—except for his weaknesses? How does this compare with how the "super-apostles" boasted?

**DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.** According to vs. 7-10, what was the intent of Paul's thorn in the flesh?
- (b) What does it mean for Christ's grace to be sufficient? What does it mean for His power to be made perfect in weakness (vs. 9)?
- (c) What does Paul mean in vs. 10 when he says, "For when I am weak, then I am strong?" What are some examples in Paul's life where you see this truth demonstrated?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.** Describe how the power of God was perfected through Christ's weakness. (2 Cor. 13:3-4).
- (b) What thorns has God given you and how have you experienced Christ's power while enduring these afflictions? How can you begin boasting in your weaknesses?

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*Boasting In Your Thorn*