

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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How do I keep going?
2 Corinthians 4:16-18
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NOTES

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our life group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Share your story ... *What small things have given you hope over the past week?* (7-10 min)
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.
4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

So we do not lose heart. (2 Corinthians 4:16)

What is the difference between the words *heartening* and *disheartening*? Give a few examples of *heartening* and *disheartening* things that have happened recently.

Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. (vs. 16)

React to this statement: "*The soul does not age.*" How has your soul been doing through this temporary crisis? How has your body been doing?

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. (vs. 17)

Describe a significant trial in your life that happened years ago. How did God get you through it? Why is it sometimes easier to see how Jesus was at work during a difficult time *only* after it's over ... (than when you're in the middle of it)?

As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (vs. 18)

What are some of those eternal things you can't see right now? How does the God-guaranteed existence of these things impact your ability to hope?

PLAN OF ACTION

In what ways can Spirit-filled hope keep you moving forward (even one small step at a time)? Pass along some of your hope this week to the people God has brought into your life.



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