

WEEKLY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of Sunday June 7, 2026

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INTRODUCTION

In **2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10**, Paul reminds believers that Jesus is not asking us to pretend suffering, aging, or death are easy. He is inviting us to view them through the lens of eternity rather than fear. Many people wrestle with uncertainty about the future, loss, aging, or what happens after death. This passage encourages us to place our confidence in God's promises and live faithfully today because our hope extends beyond this life.

Main Passage:

2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Facing Death with Confidence

READ ALOUD

2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10

Opening Question: What is something that felt intimidating at first but became easier as you understood it better?

- What contrasts do you notice throughout this passage?
- What does Paul say is temporary, and what does he say is eternal?
- Why do you think Paul connects present struggles with future hope?
- How might your daily perspective change if you truly believed God's eternal promises were more real than your current circumstances?

APPLY

- Where are you most tempted to focus on what is temporary instead of what is eternal?
- What part of this passage gives you the most encouragement right now? Why?
- What would it look like to live with greater confidence in God this week instead of fear or anxiety?

RESPOND

- What is one practical step you can take this week to fix your eyes on what is eternal?
- Who is someone you can encourage with the hope you have in Christ?

DIGGING DEEPER *(optional)*

2 Corinthians 4:7–18

- How does Paul describe the challenges believers face in this life?
- What helps Paul keep going despite suffering and hardship?
- How do verses 16–18 prepare us to understand chapter 5?

PRAY

Spend a few moments reflecting on what God may be teaching you through this passage. Ask Him to help you trust His promises, especially in areas where fear or uncertainty are present. Pray for courage to live with an eternal perspective, confidence in Christ, and gratitude for the hope He provides through His death and resurrection.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES

2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10

- What is one thing in this passage that gives you hope?
- Why do you think God wants us to focus on things that last forever?
- What does it mean to be confident in Jesus?
- How can our family encourage each other when life feels difficult?

For younger children: When you feel scared or worried, remember that Jesus is always with you and keeps His promises.

For older kids or students: What is one fear, worry, or challenge where you need to trust Jesus more this week?

BIBLE READING PLAN (OPTIONAL)

Scripture to read as you pray this week:

- **Day 1:** Acts 8:1–8
- **Day 2:** Acts 8:9–25
- **Day 3:** Acts 8:26–40
- **Day 4:** Acts 8:1–25
- **Day 5:** Acts 8:26–40

What's Going On?

Paul is writing to believers who were experiencing hardship, weakness, and opposition. Rather than focusing on what is happening around them, he points them toward what God is doing within them and what awaits them in eternity.

This passage reminds believers that our bodies and circumstances are temporary, but our relationship with Christ and our future with Him are permanent. Because of that hope, Christians can face suffering, aging, and even death with confidence.

A Bit of Background

Paul uses the image of a tent to describe our current earthly bodies and a building from God to describe the future God has prepared for His people.

In Paul's day, tents were temporary and fragile, while buildings represented permanence and security. This picture helps us understand that our ultimate home is not here but with the Lord.