

## Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, January 19, 2014

My Church: *Built to Love the Eternal* (2 Corinthians 4:13-18)

Please read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

1. What situations in life have caused you to lose heart? Or feel deflated?
2. How does Paul suggest we respond to difficult situations that might otherwise cause us to lose heart? (verses 2, 10 & 15 offer insight)

Note to leader: Some of the actions Paul suggests are as follows:

- We *set forth the truth* plainly (verse 2)
- We *expect difficulties* since we reflect the life and death of Christ. (verse 10)
- We *recognize that Christ is made more obvious* to all when we continue to honor God in the midst of difficulties

3. Have you ever thought of your difficult situation as an opportunity for ministry? When?
4. Have you ever thought of your difficult situation as an opportunity to display the life you have in Christ? When?
5. Can you think of an example from another person's life where you saw new life (resurrection) in the midst of their difficulty?
6. What does "fixing our eyes on what is unseen" look like? (2 Cor 4:18)
7. Why does Paul encourage us to fix our eyes on Jesus?