

Crossline Community Groups
Week 9 – Fall 2016
LETTING GOD USE THE STORMS OF LIFE TO BLESS OTHERS

OPEN IN PRAYER, DO “OPENER,” READ SCRIPTURE, AND DISCUSS

“Friendship happens when one person says to another, ‘What? You too?’ ” - C.S. Lewis

Has God ever used someone else’s story of a “storm,” struggle, loss, or trauma (past or present) to bring comfort to you or minister to you?

READ TOGETHER OUT LOUD

(3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, (4) who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (5) For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. (6) But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; (7) and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort. 1 Corinthians 1:3-7 NIV

WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF GOD IN THIS PASSAGE? (v3)

WHEN IS GOD’S COMFORT MOST DEEPLY FELT? ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF EXPERIENCING GOD’S COMFORT? (v4)

WHEN WE HAVE BEEN COMFORTED BY GOD WHO ARE WE QUALIFIED TO COMFORT? (v4)

WHAT DOES “ABUNDANT” COMFORT THROUGH CHRIST LOOK/FEEL LIKE? (5)

WHAT MOTIVATES AND GIVES PAUL HOPE IN BOTH HIS SUFFERING AND COMFORT? (6-7)

⁴ Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction. ⁵ For even when we came into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within. ⁶ But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus; ⁷ and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more. 2 Corinthians 7:4-7 NIV

WHAT TWO SPECIFIC WAYS DID GOD COMFORT A DEPRESSED PAUL? (6-7)

HOW CAN WE PERSONALLY APPLY WHAT WE HAVE STUDIED TONIGHT?

Take Prayer Requests & Close In Group Prayer