

DISCUSSION GUIDE

COMFORT IN AFFLICTION

2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Not Shaken — Week 4

ICEBREAKER: The Bible says, “God is love.” What does that mean to you?

OVERVIEW: When we go through trials we have two options: Be shaken, or not be shaken. God doesn’t want us to be shaken (1 Thess 3:3), and He has given us all we need to stand strong no matter what life throws at us. In this study we will go deeper with the comfort that God promises to *and* through us in times of affliction.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. What’s your favorite comfort food?
3. Who do you go to when you need comfort?
4. What are some inappropriate ways to seek comfort?
5. Read John 16:7-15.
 - a. What did Jesus mean that He was going away?
 - b. Why did Jesus say it would be good for Him to leave?

- c. How do we know who the Counselor is?
- d. What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do?
- e. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Counselor (Paraclete), which is the same Greek word for “comfort” in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. The word means comforter, counselor, helper, supporter, advisor, advocate, ally, and senior friend. If the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and He lives within us, then where should we go for comfort?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 and refer to Sunday’s sermon.
 - a. What does it mean that God is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort?
 - b. What is promised in this passage?
 - c. What are some ways that God comforts us?
 - d. Why does God comfort us?
 - e. How can we effectively comfort others?

The Last Word: “I know of nothing which can so comfort the soul... as a devout musing upon the subject of the God-head.” Charles Spurgeon

