

2nd Corinthians Covenant Group Format

Word/Message for the week (aka working title)

1. What are you thankful for or celebrating this week?
2. Opening prayer of thanksgiving and that *the Holy Spirit may provide discernment and focus*

Read the Scripture from 2 Corinthians for the week,

Pause -30 to 60 seconds in silence

Other sources (c. 25 min.):

related scriptures

Insight from Warren Wiersbe's Commentary

Insight from other readings from participants (*see suggested list of books below*)

Insight from Wesley's sermons

Questions (c. 25 min.):

Was there any response to or from the on-line blog/ Sunday school?

Were any of these scriptures reflected in last week's sermon?

How have you seen this week's scripture portrayed in the news?

What did you do this week (or fail to do) to share God's love with those around you?

What did you hear God say through this week's scriptures?

Where did you find that or how did you come to that conclusion?

How do you plan to respond to this week's lesson?

Prayer requests -

Closing prayer before preparing for worship service

Recommended Reading List:

Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Mere Christianity, C. S. Lewis

Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan

The Screwtape Letters, C. S. Lewis

Confessions, Augustine

The Practice of the Presence of God, Brother Lawrence

The Great Divorce, C. S. Lewis

The Imitation of Christ, Thomas 'a Kempis

The Pursuit of God, A. W. Tozer

The Chronicles of Narnia, C. S. Lewis

Hinds' Feet on High Places, Hannah Hurnard

Streams in the Desert, Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

Through Gates of Splendor, Elisabeth Elliot

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Conversation on: *Comfort*

This week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 1: 1—7

Notes:

2 Corinthians 1:3 (NLT)
 "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort."

Notes:

"God in His grace gives us what we do not deserve, and in His mercy He does not give us what we do deserve." Warren W. Wiersbe
 Bible Exposition Commentary - Bible Exposition Commentary – Be Encouraged (2 Corinthians).



OTHER SCRIPTURES

- Lamentations 3: 22**

- Nehemiah 9: 19**

- Psalms 25: 6**

- Numbers 14: 19**

WWW.SAY?
 WHAT WOULD WESLEY SAY?

From GRACE; GROWING IN GRACE:
 "Romans 1: 7. *Grace* - the peculiar favor of God." John Wesley

HOW WILL I RESPOND?

Next week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 1: 8—11

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Conversation on: *Trials*

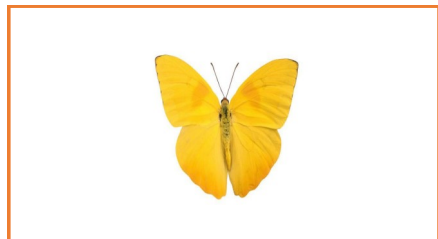
This week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 1: 8 - 11

Notes:

2 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT)
"In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead."

Notes:

"But God wants us to trust *Him* - not our gifts or abilities, our experience, or our "spiritual reserves." Warren W. Wiersbe
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OTHER SCRIPTURES

Job 3: 23 - 26

Lamentations 1: 2

John 16: 33

Philippians 4: 7

WWW.SAY?
WHAT WOULD
WESLEY SAY?

*From HEAVINESS THROUGH
MANIFOLD TEMPTATIONS:*

"...it is, in general, a just observation, that Pain is perfect misery, and extreme quite overturns all patience." John Wesley

HOW WILL I RESPOND?

Next week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 1: 12-24

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Conversation on: *Communication*

This week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 1: 12—24 Notes:

2 Corinthians 1:13 (NLT) "Our letters have been straightforward, and there is nothing written between the lines and nothing you can't understand. I hope someday you will fully understand us,"

Notes:

"You cannot glorify Christ and practice deception at the same time."
Warren W. Wiersbe
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OTHER SCRIPTURES

- Acts 24: 16**

- James 4: 13—17**

- Matthew 5: 37**

- 1 Kings 19: 11—12**

WWW.SAY?
WHAT WOULD
WESLEY SAY?

From THE WITNESS OF OUR OWN SPIRIT:
"But whoever desires to have a conscience thus void of offence, let him see that he lay the right foundation."
John Wesley

HOW WILL I RESPOND?

Next week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 2: 1—11

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Conversation on: *Compassion*

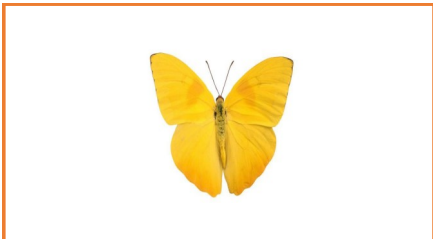
This week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 2: 1—11

Notes:

2 Corinthians 2:10 (NLT)
"When you forgive this man, I forgive him, too. And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ's authority for your benefit,"

Notes:

"In Christian ministry, those who bring us great joy can also create for us great sorrow." Warren W. Wiersbe
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OTHER SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 27: 6

James 3: 13—18

Ephesians 4: 29

Hebrews 12: 3

WWW.SAY?
WHAT WOULD
WESLEY SAY?

From SATAN'S DEVICES:

"Now this is the grand device of Satan, to destroy the first work of God in the soul" John Wesley

HOW WILL I RESPOND?

Next week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 2: 12-17