

# God's Grace is Bigger

Small Group Lesson 1

WHEN LIFE IS HARD



STUDENT GUIDE

## SCRIPTURE

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

### Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-8 and discuss 1-2 of these questions:

- Why do you think the Bible never tells us what Paul's thorn was?
- What types of struggles did Paul experience because of his relationship with God?
- How do you think struggles can help us grow in our relationship with God?

### Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 and discuss 1-2 of these questions:

- How can the grace God provides change the way you react to pain and suffering?
- How can rejoicing in your struggle change your perspective and experience of that struggle?
- In what ways has God's strength helped you through a recent struggle?



## CONNECTION

- How do you think Bethany's faith helped her get through this struggle?
- How can God helping you to push through struggles be an encouragement to other people?

## MARK OF A DISCIPLE

Disciples of Christ rely on God's grace and strength during times of pain and struggle.

### APPLY IT

Identify a struggle in your life and consider how that struggle can help you rely on God's grace. Once you do, rejoice in that struggle by telling a trusted friend what it is and how it is helping you grow spiritually.

#### *Be specific:*

- What are you going to do?
- When are you going to do it?
- Is there someone who can keep you accountable?

## PRAYER

Take time to pray for each other's applications in the upcoming weeks.

## MEMORY VERSE

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)

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