

# life together

SMALL GROUP  
DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Main point from Sunday's sermon:

God uses community, repentance, and obedience to increase our joy in Him! Now let's RECAP:

## Re-Read

Re-read 2 Corinthians 7:2-16. As you do, highlight what you think are the key sentences or phrases. You'll come back to those as you evaluate the main point of the passage shortly.

## Evaluate

Using the key statements, sentences, or phrases you highlighted, determine as a group what you think the big idea is.

The main points from Sunday's sermon were:

Fight for your joy in God:

1. Through community (7:2-7)
2. Through repentance (7:8-13a)
3. Through obedience (7:13b-16)

Spend a few minutes connecting the text and the main points. Where in the text do you see the above statements and points?

## Citations from the Church

*"Our Christian lives are supposed to involve our care and concern for each other. That is part of what it means to be a Christian. And though we do it imperfectly, we should be committed to this," Mark Dever.*

Do you agree with this quote? Why or why not? What are some implications of this? List some examples of how to do this for others?

*"I would rather offend you for the moment with the gospel as the motive over affirming your*

*destruction under the guise of love," Jackie Hill Perry.*

What do you think of Jackie's statement? Do you agree with her? Why or why not? How does this cut across many in our contemporary culture who would default to lovingly saying nothing?

## Application or Advancing the Gospel

In your own words, describe how you think God uses community, repentance, and obedience to increase our joy in Him?

Read 1:3-4. In light of 7:5-7, how does God comfort Paul? Why is this significant? What is the implication for our own lives? Notice it's not something mystical or mysterious; God uses Titus to comfort Paul.

The community of faith is an amazing gift God gives us! Share some of your own experiences of grace through the church. How does Hebrews 10:24-25 intersect this conversation?

Read 7:8-13. Identify as many contrasts between worldly and godly grief as you can. Can you define repentance? What verses illustrate this concept?

What would it look like if we were spiritually mature enough to deal with the sin, wounding, and wrongs inflicted upon us by others? What would you need to do to make this maturity a reality?

## Praise

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at his voice, All creation rises to rejoice; Behold our God, seated on his throne, Come, let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words? Who can teach, the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on his throne; Come, let us adore him, Behold our king, nothing can compare, Come, let us adore him

"Behold Our God" by Sovereign Grace Music