

Small Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

November 2nd, 2025 | The Book of 2 Corinthians

Prayer

Take time before discussion to take prayer requests and pray for each member of the group that requests prayer.

Read 2 Corinthians 6:1 out loud as a group.

1. What do you think Paul means by “receiving the grace of God in vain”?

Encourage your group to think about how grace can be misunderstood as permission rather than transformation. Help them see that “receiving grace in vain” isn’t about losing salvation, but about missing out on the fullness of what grace is meant to produce in our lives.

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 out loud as a group.

2. Why do you think Paul uses the image of being “unequally yoked”? What happens when we try to mix the world’s values with God’s ways?

This is a great spot to help your group reflect on practical examples (friendships, influences, or habits) that can pull us away from living for Christ. Remind them Paul isn’t calling us to isolate from the world, but to be distinctly different in it.

Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-10 out loud as a group.

3. How does grace actually lead us to repentance instead of giving us an excuse to stay the same?

Encourage your group to reflect on how grace exposes sin but also empowers obedience. Grace doesn’t just forgive what we’ve done, it transforms who we are becoming.

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-12 out loud as a group.

4. What stands out to you about the Macedonians’ response to grace?

Highlight how their generosity came not from abundance but from joy in affliction. Ask your group what that kind of generosity looks like in our modern context.

5. Why do you think Paul calls generosity “an act of grace”?

Lead the group to see that giving isn’t about money, it’s about the heart. Grace moves us to give ourselves first to the Lord and then to others. Help the group reflect on how generosity reveals what we truly treasure.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:5-15 out loud as a group.

6. What's the difference between giving out of guilt and giving out of grace?

Encourage people to think about their motivations. Guide them to see that grace turns "I've got to" into "I get to." Grace frees us from the pressure of performance and fills us with the joy of participation.

7. How does generosity help others see the grace of God?

Help your group connect generosity to worship and witness. When we give willingly and joyfully, it points people to the God who first gave everything for us. Remind them that every act of grace-filled giving becomes an act of praise to God.

8. How have you personally experienced God's grace shaping your heart toward generosity, repentance, or holiness lately?

Use this as a reflective moment to end the discussion on gratitude and testimony. Encourage group members to celebrate what God is doing and pray for grace to continue flowing through them, not just to them.