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Go around and let everyone answer...

Share about a person or place that is encouraging to you and why.

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Why do people need regular encouragement?

How do you stay encouraged or comforted when something is troubling you?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

This passage reminds us that no matter how it is found, God is the source of our comfort and He promises that comfort will increase as our need for it increases.

What are some false sources of comfort or encouragement people sometimes seek?

What makes the comfort God provides authentic?

How have you seen His comfort increase when suffering has increased?

Read Romans 15:4-6

How is one way you could let God use you to encourage others?

APPLY

In order to really let God's encouragement and comfort come through us, we need to intentionally look for opportunities to give it.

Who do you know that you suspect could use some encouragement right now?

Close in a time of prayer especially asking God to open our eyes for those in need of His comfort.

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Leaders

Big Idea

This discussion guide is based on a passage from 2 Corinthians that shares encouragement and reminds us of the powerful comfort and encouragement we have in Christ.

Special Considerations

You may likely be conducting your LIFE Group meetings via video in an online setting during this time. While it might feel less personal than an in-home meeting, this could actually be a great time for your group to renew its concern for each other by making special efforts to connect throughout the week. Consider sending out prayer requests, well-wishes, or updated via text or email during the week. Likewise, your group might consider adding a brief, mid-week video conference just to pray and check in.

Group Discussion Reminder

Our LIFE Groups are a great place to pour out the love we share into the lives of others. We can't keep this love and community to ourselves. Who do you know that might benefit from being part of your group? Share those names, pray for them, and ask God to give you the courage to talk to them about visiting your group.