



Discussion Guide

For the week of April 19, 2026

Don't Let Anything Get In The Way Of Your Mission

2 Corinthians 6:3-18, 7:1

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Summary

Pastor Evan teaches from 2 Corinthians 6, stressing that as Christians we are called to endure hardship while representing Christ well in the world. Paul's credibility as an apostle came through his willingness to suffer for the Gospel, and similarly, our credibility comes through enduring trials while clinging to Christ. The sermon highlights three main points: Christians are called to endure hardship, live above reproach, and cling to God's promises. Paul warns against being unequally yoked with unbelievers and reminds us that we are temples of the living God with a mission to share the message of reconciliation.

He connects this to the Beatitudes from Matthew 5, showing the Christian characteristics we are being sanctified into. Despite suffering, we are blessed people with an eternal inheritance. Our pain has purpose - it gives us credibility to comfort others and drives us back to dependence on Christ. We must be careful about our sphere of influence and who we choose to do life with, as they will impact our spiritual journey.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You this today with open hearts, ready to receive what You have for us through Your Word. We acknowledge that life can be difficult and that we often face trials that challenge our faith. Help us to be receptive to Your truth today and to understand how You want to use both our joys and our sufferings for Your glory. Open our minds and hearts to learn from one another and to grow closer to You through our time together. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Paul talks about enduring difficult times while keeping his heart open. What is a 'joy in the struggle' that you have experienced?

Key Verses

1. 2 Corinthians 6:3-4
2. 2 Corinthians 6:14
3. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
4. Matthew 5:3-12

Questions

- How does Paul's example of enduring hardship for the Gospel challenge your perspective on the difficulties you face in life?
- What does it mean to be 'unequally yoked' and how might this principle apply beyond just marriage relationships?



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- In what ways can our suffering give us credibility to minister to others who are going through similar trials?
- How do you balance being 'in the world but not of the world' when it comes to your relationships and daily interactions?
- Which of the Beatitudes from Matthew 5 do you find most challenging to live out, and why?
- How can we ensure that we're representing Christ well as His ambassadors, especially during difficult seasons?
- What does it look like practically to 'widen your hearts' as Paul encourages the Corinthians to do?
- How does understanding that we are 'temples of the living God' change the way we should approach our daily decisions and relationships?

Life Application

This week, identify one area of hardship or difficulty in your life and intentionally look for ways that God might use this experience to comfort or minister to someone else. Also, evaluate your closest relationships and consider whether they are helping you move forward in your faith or holding you back from your mission as Christ's ambassador.

Key Takeaways

- Christians are called to endure hardship, and our credibility comes through suffering well while clinging to Christ
- We must live above reproach as temples of the living God and ambassadors of Christ, being careful about our sphere of influence
- Our pain has purpose - it gives us the ability to comfort others and drives us to depend more fully on God
- Being unequally yoked with unbelievers can hinder our spiritual progress and mission
- We are blessed people with eternal promises to cling to, regardless of our present circumstances

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You understand our suffering and that You are with us in every trial. Help us to endure hardship well, representing You faithfully to a watching world. Give us wisdom in our relationships and help us to surround ourselves with people who will encourage us in our faith journey. When we face difficulties this week, remind us that our pain has purpose and that You are using it to conform us to Your image. May we cling to Your promises and find our comfort in You alone. Use us to be agents of reconciliation in our families, workplaces, and communities. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.