



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

Topic: Discipleship Essentials – At Times Overwhelmed

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

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- Like Paul, we endure times of significant struggle (v8)
- He urges us to rely on God (9)
- For God is faithful (v10)
- As we pray (v11)
- Enabling us to turn difficulty into blessing (v3-7)



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023
GROWING & GOING





Read together 2 Corinthians 11:23-28.

How would you have coped with Paul's challenges? Do you think he is qualified to talk about how we can overcome? Why is it so important to have realistic expectations about life? Why do we need to have a plan in place before we experience suffering?

We are broken people who live in a broken world. Is it wise to seek human resources in times of trouble. What are the two choices we have when feeling overwhelmed? What is your default position when you face significant struggles?

God has delivered us in the past. God is delivering us right now. God will continue to deliver us. Share together your experiences of God's deliverance in the past and present. Then share a future concern that is overwhelming you. Why do we have hope? God is not just powerful, but He is also loving and compassionate. Why is this so important?

Deliverance and prayer live side by side. Why are they inseparable? When you are overwhelmed is prayer your first response? What is the practical outcome of seeking God when we are struggling?

Comfort as you have been comforted. Share an experience you have endured in the past that has qualified you to now comfort others. How can this process turn our despair into a blessing? Why is it so important that we persevere, rather than being overwhelmed?