

# COMMUNITY GROUP

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

April 13/14

### WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

**PURPOSE:** *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

### DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

**WARMUP:** *Personal Testimony*

**or**

*Question: Except for the bible, what book had the biggest impact on you? Why?*

**SET THE STAGE:** *It can be easy to place blame when life doesn't go our way. We want to hold something or someone responsible for life not working out the way we wanted it to. When we assign blame, our anxieties multiply and our frustrations and disappointments are not dealt with in ways that can move us to a healthier place. Paul reminds us that we are broken people who live in a broken world, but our limitations are a reminder of a limitless God. It is critical that we not give in to the tendency to place blame, but rather to praise God and practice gratitude for all He provides.*

**STORY or READ THE PASSAGE:** *2 Corinthians 4:7-18; Matthew 6:25-34*

### HEAD QUESTIONS:

How can a reminder of our weaknesses in life help us deal with our anxieties?

Why is blaming such a powerful tendency in our lives?

### HEART QUESTIONS:

Can you name a time when you gave into blaming because of your circumstances?

What have you been worrying about recently?

How do you practice gratitude when things aren't the way you would want them to be?

### HANDS QUESTIONS: **BLESS**

How can our gratitude serve as a testimony to those who do not believe?

### TAKEAWAY

### CLOSING PRAYER