

# "From Thorns to Thankfulness"

## 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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### Small Group Discussion Guides

Begin the discussion by reflecting on the series, Conversions. Share a highlight, a lowlight, and one thing that you still remember today. What was the most challenging message for you?

To help jog your memory here's a list of the topics and the people we covered during the series:

- From Chaos to Creation – Adam and Eve
- From Insulation to Intimacy – Abraham and Sarah
- From Denial to Deliverance – Jacob
- From Rage to Redemptive Anger – Moses
- From Procrastination to Promise Keeping - Jonah
- From Religion to Relationship – Peter
- From Thorn to Thankfulness - Paul

Of the seven characters who do you relate to the most and why?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:1, 7-10.

1. Share a thorn that God has redeemed in your life and how God did it.
2. Share a thorn that God hasn't redeemed yet and its effects on you.
3. Read these passages on pride. How have you seen these played out in real life?

*"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." James 4:6*

*"This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches..." Jeremiah 9:23*

*"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18*

*"The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled)" Isaiah 2:12*

4. What do you think about this statement: *"Your greatest ministry will arise out of your greatest wound."* All the spiritual gifts assessment tools I've seen tell you to find your strengths and then find a ministry that fits them. What do you think?
5. Share a thorn that God used to make you strong.....make you dependent on Him.....make you powerful.

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6. Share a thorn that at first you were not thankful for but now you are. How did you move from thorn to thankfulness?
7. Closing thoughts, insight or questions.