

Read the verse provided as a way to prepare for your discussion time.

My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me. That is why, for the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. I Corinthians 12:9-10

1. What assumptions do people have concerning the people God uses to minister to others?
2. Read the verse provided and comment on it. What motivation does it offer us for helping others deal with their own hurts, habits, and hang-ups?

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

3. Share a time when someone helped you with a hurt, habit or hang-up. What did they do that you found helpful?
4. How did God use a crisis in your life to get your attention?
5. Which of the four things to include in your story is the hardest for you to share: Your feelings, faults & failures, frustrations, or fears? Why is it hard for you to share....?
6. Share a struggle or a hardship you experienced where God taught you an important lesson about life, gave you an insight into an issue you were perplexed about, something about yourself, or something about Him?
7. What have you learned through other people' mistakes?
8. Sharing how God redeemed a situation in your life.
9. Sharing how God gave you hope during a dark time in your life.

Conclude the Series by Reading All 8 Choices that Lead to the Abundant Life and freedom from our hurts, habits and hang-ups. They are:

#1 Admit you have a problem and ask God and others for help! (*"vs. 3 poor in spirit"*)

#2 Drop the mask "I'm okay" and let your unhappiness with yourself or life to motivate you to make some changes. (*vs. 4 "mourn"*)

#3 Let's God be your human whisperer. Yield yourself to God (*vs. 5 "the meek"*)

#4 Clear your conscience with God and others. (*vs. 8 "pure in heart"*)

#5 Replace unhealthy choices, patterns, habits with healthy ones by reading scripture and

bringing your choices in alignment with God's teaching. (*vs. 6 "hunger and thirst for righteousness"*)

#6 Forgive those who hurt you and reconcile broken relationships if possible. (*vs. 7 "merciful"*)

#7 Keep growing in the grace of God and in relationship with God. (*vs. 6 "hunger and continue hungering for God"*)

#8 Share with others the good news of what God has done in your life. (*vs. 9 "peacemakers"*)

If God helped you with a hurt, hang-up or unhealthy habit, share it with the group before you leave. Also Pastor Richard would love to hear your story as well! Call him at the church or send an email sharing what God is doing in your life!

(rpfeil@klamathfpc.com) Also consider sharing a short testimony some Sunday sharing with your church family and those on line the good news of how God is at work in your life!