



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide  
The Struggle – Part 1  
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

**INTO THE WORD:**

1) What is the biggest point you took away from this week's message about Naaman and his leprosy?

**Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

2) What does this passage teach us about boasting? What is Paul saying is acceptable when it comes to boasting

3) What do you think this thorn might have been? Come up with some different examples of physical situations, or other situations and discuss if they could have been Paul's thorn.

4) According to this passage, what was God's response? What does that mean to you?

5) Based on this passage, what does it mean for someone to boast about weaknesses? Give some examples of what this looks like?

6) How does God use our suffering and our trials to keep us from moving into pride and control?

**APPLY THE WORD:**

7) How can you boast in your weaknesses specifically this week, and give God glory in your life? Give an example for the group.

8) In your life right now, is there anything that could be a thorn, similar to Naaman's leprosy or Paul's thorn? What is that situation?

9) God might heal your situation, or He might not. Based on God's character, how can you move to a place of hope and trust?

**PRAYER TIME:**

- *Pray for each person in the group for their "thorn" situation, and for God to bring hope and faith.*

