



Discussion Guide  
Don't Give Up Yet  
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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**"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ  
were those who had to bear the greatest trials."**

[Teresa of Avila]

### ENGAGE & CONNECT

What is something you are especially grateful for in the past year? **AND/OR** What are you particularly looking forward to in the new year?

### BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

*"Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me?  
Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence."*

[Psalm 42:5]

### BIG IDEA

The greater the suffering we experience on earth, the greater the glory we will experience in heaven.

### PASSAGE & DISCUSSION

**2 Corinthians 4:1-18**

1. Can someone retell the passage in your own words? What is missing from the retelling?
2. What stood out to you most about the passage?
3. In the sermon we heard, *"God gets more glory when He works through our weaknesses, rather than our strengths."* How have you experienced God working through a particular weakness in your life?
4. What did you hear repeated, emphasized, or related? Why do you think that is?
5. What do we learn about God's character and nature from this passage?
6. What do we learn about people/ourselves from this passage? (character, attitude, behavior, etc.)

### STEP OF OBEDIENCE

Based on what we've read and discussed today, what is a step of obedience you can take this week to willingly lay down your own understanding and choose to walk by faith?

***Remember ... God gets more glory when our lives can only be explained by adding Him to the equation!***

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Hope in Suffering

- Let's take a moment to reflect on the hope we have in Christ: that the greater the suffering we endure on earth, the greater the glory we will share with Him in heaven. God sees every pain and trial we face, and in His mercy, He promises to transform our suffering into eternal joy.
- As we pray, let's bring our burdens and those of others before Him, asking for His comfort and strength. Let's also thank Him for the promise of a future where all suffering will be redeemed, and we will experience the fullness of His glory.