

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Good News, Week 4: Fix Our Eyes

### Introduction

Many people do not share their faith because they say, “It’s private.” Is it possible to have a private faith? Why or why not?

### God’s Word

*Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (see other side).*

1. According to verse 15, why did Paul share the gospel with the Corinthians? What did he expect the Corinthians to do as well?
2. “Wasting away” is an expression that speaks about a deteriorating existence, especially in our physical bodies. When did you last ask, “Why me, God?”
3. 2 Corinthians 4:4 says, “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” Why do unbelievers not recognize the glory of God in Christ?
4. Some would say that suffering is one of the ways God draws attention to the gospel and creates an interest in the good news. What implications does that have as we go on a mission to the lost?

### Discussion

5. What are some of the hardships and sufferings that people in our church are experiencing right now? Make a list.
6. Share how you’ve seen Christ’s power displayed in hard times.
7. What messages have you received from Christian television, books, blogs, and radio about how to view or deal with suffering and hardship?
8. What is the difference between being motivated to share the gospel by guilt and by glory? Which approach describes you most often?
9. What is the danger of embracing safety and being unwilling to suffer for sharing the gospel?

### Prayer

Who are 3-4 people in your sphere of influence who do not believe the gospel? Please commit to pray for opportunities to share the gospel with these people.

Pray that God would use you, your Small Group, and your church to proclaim his eternal glory to all the nations of the world. Ask for an all-consuming passion to see more and more people hear and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ.