

3. The word Paul uses for comfort literally means, “one called alongside to help.” What does this reveal about God’s purpose for trouble and suffering in our lives? How might we better avail ourselves to God’s comfort?

4. Can you share an example where the sufferings and comfort you experienced isn’t just for you but for the benefit of others? (eg. William Carey)

5. Read verses 8-11. Based on your personal experience, what does it look like to rely more on God than ourselves?

6. Mark said, *“Don’t let anyone ever tell you that God won’t give you more than you can handle, because he will. That’s the whole point!”* What is a present area of struggle or failure where you are learning you need to surrender and rely on God for victory?

7. How might sharing our sufferings and struggles as a Community Group unite us in prayer and thanksgiving?

8. How can we shape our Community Group so we can celebrate both our successes and our sufferings?