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2 Corinthians 12:1-10

1. Do you ever stop and think about the paradoxes of our life with Christ? Life comes out of weakness. Joy comes out of sorrow. Fruitfulness out of barrenness. Greatness comes out of the meekness. Growth comes out of diminishment.
2. Read verses 1-6. Why do you think Paul is uncomfortable with boasting or “slow to tell” about the amazing vision he had?

3. Discuss this quote from Mark's sermon. "Paul figured out something many Christians never understand: There's more to be learned in the agony of life than in the ecstasy."

4. Read verse 7. Why do you think Paul doesn't reveal to us his specific thorn in the flesh?

5. Read verses 8-9a. Why do you think our loving God didn't remove Paul's thorn?

6. Can you identify a thorn in your flesh? What have you learned about yourself and about God through your experience? Mark said, "Pride is a parasite which feeds on goodness and blessing." Do you agree or disagree? Why?

7. Read verses 9b-10. Compare what you do with your weakness to what Paul did with his weakness. What might weakness produce in our lives?

8. What does it look like for you to surrender to the One who in his sovereign wisdom has chosen not to remove your thorn in the flesh? How might your group members pray for you today?