

2 Corinthians 4: 1-18



Icebreaker

Can you think of a recent time in your life when you felt like you were 'wasting away', or when you felt like 'giving up'?

The Text

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18. What strikes you in this passage?
2. Try putting verses 6,7,11 and 17 in your own words.
3. Discuss Paul's focus on God's mercy, light, strength and promises.

The Scriptures

4. Read Isaiah 40:25-31. Consider the links between this passage and 2 Corinthians 4. What does it mean to 'hope in the Lord,' in the time of Isaiah? What does it mean to hope in the Lord, now, post Jesus' resurrection?

Application

5. Can you think of a time when your natural weakness displayed God's strength?
6. What could you do to regularly help you fix your eyes on God's long purposes, and what is unseen and eternal? How could we help each other in this?