

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

November 16-22, 2008

Key Idea of the Week:

Jesus has a habit of hand-picking weak and unlikely people through which to work in the world. Why does He do that? If we feel inadequate for the things He is asking us to do, maybe that is a good thing. How can we confidently embrace His mission for us when we feel so weak?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:6-12.

Discuss

What does Paul mean by a ‘treasure in jars of clay?’

Why does Jesus choose ‘jars of clay’ for carrying His ‘light’ to the world?

Do you sometimes feel like a ‘jar of clay?’ How?

If you felt more confident in yourself, would that enhance or hamper the job God has for you? Explain.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11.

According to this passage, why does God allow us to feel ‘over our heads?’

How would you know if you are relying on yourself or God in your life? What are the indicators?

Do you have to be ‘out of your league’ in ministry in order to rely on God? Why or why not?

Regardless of how comfortable you feel in your ministry, what practical steps can you take to ensure that you are relying on God?

Pray for courage to act on what you’ve learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.