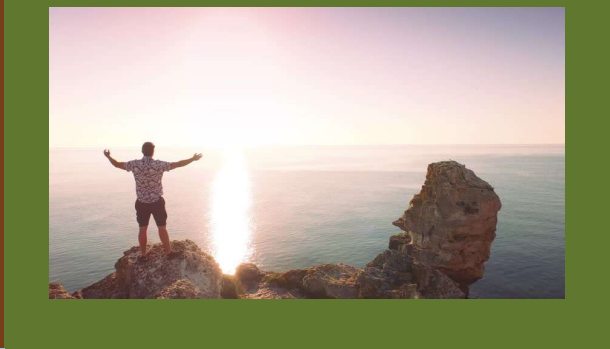


HARD KNOCK LIFE

God Is Glorified in Our Weakness*



* Based on "A Strange Resume" by Bryan Wilkerson. The complete article of the story shared in Part 1 can be found on the Leader website at sov.church/groups/hard-knock-life.

TEXT:
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

TOPIC:
How God turns human weaknesses into strengths.

BIG IDEA:
God turns our weaknesses into incredible strength.

ICEBREAKER

What was your first job? Did you learn anything that helped you in future jobs?

PART 1: IDENTIFY THE ISSUE

Additional or expanded discussion question:

[Q] When asked about your strengths and weaknesses in job interviews, were your answers truthful or were they the suggested 'right answers' for a better interview?

PART 2: DISCOVER THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLES

TEACHING POINT ONE: Ask God to take your "thorn" away

[Q] Who can you pray for that is in a season of inability to serve Christ?

TEACHING POINT TWO: Accept God's sovereign will

Additional or expanded discussion questions:

[Q] How do you react to the thought that sometimes God causes pain and suffering?

[Q] Do you ever struggle and ask "why pray?"

TEACHING POINT THREE: Appropriate God's grace

Additional or expanded discussion questions:

[Q] What can you do to develop your trust with God in times of weakness?

PART 3: APPLY YOUR FAITH

Optional closing prayer:

Use this to share what you have learned through this study. How has it changed your perception of God and His presence in your 'Hard Knock Life?' What is one thing you will intentional do to put your learnings into action?

Pray as a group for each member, that faith will not be broken in difficult times. To remember God's promises and seek Him in all circumstances. Give thanks to the Father of Compassion and the God of all comfort.