

## The Common Thread II CORINTHIANS: The Cruciform Life

### Community Group Questions

1. What were your general impressions and takeaways from the II CORINTHIANS video shown in this message?
2. In what ways is the cross a reflection of the life in Christ? How does an image of death lead us to be reminded of real life together?
3. Reflect on **II Corinthians 4:7-10 NIV**—<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”
4. Discuss this quote: “When we are gospel-aligned, our greatest value pours forth from our places of deepest brokenness. It is not the cracks that are celebrated, but rather the grace and truth of Christ that seeps out through genuine, divine humility and change.”
5. Reflect on **II Corinthians 8:7 ESV**—<sup>7</sup> But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”
6. How are you doing in the area of consistent giving and generosity? Are you in a position of lack and need like the Jerusalem church? Are you tempted to neglect this “grace of giving” like the Corinthian church? Why are we so hesitant to bring these issues into the light of community?