

Home Group study: week beginning 3rd October 2021

STAY POSITIVE: STAY ENCOURAGED AND ENCOURAGING

PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 7v1-13

LAUNCH

Share a trivial or amusing example of a time when someone said something to you that was a bit discouraging

Share a time when you received genuine encouragement from someone. How did it make you feel? How did it change your attitude and behaviour?

DISCOVERY

In what ways does Paul encourage the Corinthians?

In what ways does he receive encouragement from them?

Genuine relationship is not just about encouragement, it's also about challenge. What do we learn from the section in which Paul needed to challenge the church at Corinth?

UNDERSTANDING & APPLICATION

'Battles on the outside and fear on the inside' is an interesting way in which Paul describes his situation. Are you or have you been through a similar time recently? How did you get through?

What sort of factors prevent you from being an encourager? How could you go about minimising these?

In what key areas do you want to be more encouraging in the next week? Who do you think you could be encouraging more? In what sort of areas do they need encouragement?

Pray for anyone that needs encouragement speaking words of love, life and affirmation. Also pray for anyone who would like to be more encouraging that they might receive this as a gift from the Holy Spirit