

Hi Life Group Leaders! This week we weren't planning putting out lessons, but I thought that I would give you some ideas of things to talk about just in case you do meet. I've just come up with a few questions based on the passage. However, please feel free to spend some time talking about what you remember from the sermon. We'll be back next week with a full guide.

Blessings,

Josh

### **Resurrection Reliant**

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

**Resurrection** is proof that God is perfectly **reliable**.

- Receive the **gift** of **pain**.
- Fix your **hope** on **deliverance**.
- Rest on the **power** of **prayer**.

**Jesus lives** so that we can live **wholly reliant** on Him.

### **2 Corinthians 1:8-11**

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

Why was it important for Paul to make people aware of this?

What do you turn to when you are burdened beyond your strength? What are you tempted to turn to?

9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

How do hard times help us to rely on God?

10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

How has God delivered you? How is he delivering you right now? How do you want God to deliver you in the future?

11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Remember that *The Message* translation of this passage starts with: “You and your prayers are part of the rescue operation...”

Spend some time sharing prayer requests and then praying for each other. But this time, pray knowing that prayer is the way that you partner with Jesus to take part in God’s rescue operation for the world!