

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Home Group Study Questions

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, **14** because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. **15** All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. **16** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. **5** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

1. Paul suffered and died for his faith in Jesus. We don't face danger or death, which means our faith isn't as costly. But what will we need to sacrifice to make Jesus greater in our lives?
2. Do you think that a Christian's apathy or lack of passion could be because they have become too familiar with God?
3. Is there something that you don't have, (or even that you do have), that you're tempted to focus on? If so what is it?
4. List the things that you do have that can keep you from losing heart.
5. How did the hope of resurrection help Paul to have confidence instead of fear? (4:13-18, 5:1)
6. How would focusing on what is eternal affect your daily experience? (2 Corinthians 4:13-18, 5:1)