

# Small Groups

Victory Church

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

PASTOR BLACKBURN AND PASTOR SELLER'S MESSAGE – "ARE YOU THERE GOD?" - PART 3

### **AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:**

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Review your notes from the Sunday message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions before your group meeting.
- Choose a few questions from the guide that will generate the most discussion in your group.

### **GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):**

- Who's your favorite college or NFL football team?
- Where's your favorite place to eat in Lakeland?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- Have someone read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.
- Have you ever prayed for your HVAC, dishwasher, or appliance at home to start working again?
- Do you think true prayer isn't about getting our way, but it's about surrendering to the will of God? What did Jesus pray in the Garden before the cross?
- Have someone read 2 Corinthians 12:7. Why did God allow Paul to receive a thorn?

The Greek word translated as "thorn" also means stake. Many believe that Paul's thorn was a physical ailment or nagging opposition. Have you ever experienced something similar to Paul's thorn in the flesh?

- Pastor made this statement in his message, "Prayer reminds us that we're not in control, and it keeps us close to the One who is." Have someone read 2 Corinthians 12:8. How do you typically respond if God doesn't answer your prayer? How did God respond to Paul? Have someone read 2 Corinthians 12:9.
- Where are you asking and trusting God to work in your life?
- What is the most significant statement that you remember from Sunday's message?

### **PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:**

Nelson & Rennae De Freitas – Dominican Republic

Dustin & Amy S. (Sadie, Isabella, Penelope, and Clementine) – Live Dead/Central Eurasia

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wednesday, September 28** – Victory Life classes, support groups, Royal Rangers, Girl's Ministry, & VSC have kicked off! (6:30 PM)

**Saturday, October 8** – Men's Prayer breakfast (\$10) in the FLC, at 8 AM.

**Sunday, September 25** – Join us for GrowTrack each Sunday morning in the GrowTrack room at 10:45, or join the online course at [victorylakeland.org/growtrackonline](http://victorylakeland.org/growtrackonline). You will learn about the Vision and Mission of Victory Church.