

## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

*\*\*Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at [gbcmt.org/sermons](http://gbcmt.org/sermons) or on the GBC App*

### Prayer and Praise:

Spend some time praising God for the trials and afflictions of life that He has comforted (is comforting) you through.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #450 – *I Need Thee Every Hour*.

### Together in the Word:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. Why did Paul find it necessary to make it clear that God was “Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? (v.3)” \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are some of the ways in which God comforts/strengthens/encourages us as believers? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What are some of the reasons that God comforts/strengthens/encourages His children? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How have you seen the Lord use your afflictions to minister to lives of others? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How does being a part of a church family enable us to live out 2 Cor. 1:3-7? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. In Pastor Bryan's message he said, “Sometimes God uses us in an active way as we deliberately seek to minister to others and sometimes God uses us in a passive way just by our example.” Does God expect us as believers and members of the Body to be engaged in both an active sense of comforting others as well as the passive sense? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## COMFORTED TO BE A COMFORT TO OTHERS

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Series #3

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“Comforted to be a Comfort to Others.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What expression in our culture is often misunderstood?
2. God's Word tells us that love covers what?
3. We all appreciate it when someone else can relate to what?
4. Paul gave his life to spread the truth of God to other people but he didn't do so in what way?
5. In Romans 12:15, Paul tells us to do what with those who weep?
6. We know from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:29 and Galatians 6:17 that Paul had what?
7. Paul's perspective was that God allowed him to go through adversity so that he would know how to what?
8. Which of Paul's books is the most emotional?
9. The hardships of spiritual leadership were doing what to Paul?
10. Paul had a deep concern for whom?

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11. What does God not waste?
12. What is the first way that Paul describes God in 2 Corinthians 1?
13. Is the God you believe in, the true God of the Bible or is it the God of your own making?
14. What name means, "Master and Sovereign One"?
15. The name Jesus means what?
16. What name means the "promised Messiah of Hebrew Scriptures?"
17. What is the second way that Paul describes God in 2 Corinthians 1?
18. The word "comfort" in verse 4 means to give solace and to what?
19. What are some ways that God comforts, strengthens and encourages us (list a couple of the many given in the sermon)?
20. The Greek word translated "in all our trouble" literally means what?
21. Do you ever feel distressed as a result of the pressures of life?
22. What is the second reason why God comforts, strengthens, and encourages us in our distress?
23. Do you pass encouragement on to other people in your life?
24. What is some hardship, tribulation, distress, or pressure you are going through right now? How does God want you to use the comfort He brings, so as, to not waste that situation?
25. To not waste your pain, or adversity or hardship you just need to do what in your thinking?
26. As our sufferings increase, what also increases?
27. The suffering which humbles us in weakness and brings us to the end our own resources becomes the means of what?
28. Paul would have made a lousy what?
29. Whatever Paul went through in life, he saw it as something that God could use in his life for what?
30. Verse 7 reminds us that not everyone in the church at Corinth had done what?
31. There is a sense that some in the church at Corinthian did what when Paul suffered?
32. Do you have the perspective that we see in Paul's life in this sermon?