

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Real and Authentic”**

### **Complement to lesson on 4/14/24 – “Source of Sufficiency”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Do you consider the word “sufficient” to be positive, negative, or neutral? If you were going on vacation and told the accommodations would be sufficient, would that excite you? Why or why not?
2. Name one piece of technology you wish didn’t exist.

#### **MEMORIZE – 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10**

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### **READ – 2 Corinthians 2:5-3:18**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What are the verses revealing about God?
  - d. What are the verses revealing about people?
  - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. In 2 Corinthians 2: 5-11, what is Paul saying about discipline and forgiveness?
  - a. What is the danger of punishing without ever getting to forgiveness?
  - b. What is the connection between unforgiveness and Satan’s agenda?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Object Lesson with a Flashlight**

Find a battery powered flashlight.

1. Take the batteries out. Try using it. Does it turn on? Is there anything else you can put in the flashlight to get it to work?
2. Put the batteries back in backward. Does it turn on? Why not?
3. What gives the flashlight it's sufficiency to turn on?
4. How is this related to 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3: 4-6?
5. What does it matter that the Christian's sufficiency comes from God?
6. What are Christians sufficient to do? How are you doing this in your life where you live, work, study and play?

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

God I Look to You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3u3ZG8ztGEI>

Behold Him - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izK4kl\\_wmA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izK4kl_wmA)

I Need Thee Every Hour - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qJ4jIKeT4w>

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ5cLiCCOao>

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the message:**

Thank you Father that You make me sufficient to be a minister of the new covenant. Holy Spirit, give me bold compassion to be a minister of the new covenant where I live, work, study and play.