

The God of all Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:1-11 (page 1158)

Space to take notes on the talk

How do you deal with _____?

Know you are _____

Know what _____

Share _____ with others

Starter question

- ❖ Give an example of a time when you experienced someone's comfort at a difficult time in your life.

Responding to the talk

1. What – if anything - did you find most helpful from this week's talk?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-2
 - a. What identity do Paul and the Corinthians share?
 - b. How does Paul present his relationship with them?
 - c. How is the description of God in verses 2 and 3 distinctly Christian?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
 - a. What does Paul praise God for?
 - b. How do Paul's troubles benefit the Corinthians?
 - c. In what way does our suffering and comfort link with Christ?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11
 - a. Read Acts 19:23-31. How would you have felt if you were in Paul's place? How did Paul feel?
 - b. What lesson did Paul learn from his traumatic experience?
 - c. What positive might come from the Corinthian prayers for him?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. How might what we've learnt help us when we go through difficult times?
11. Someone we know is going through a difficult time. From what we've learnt from this passage what might you do to support them?