

# Small Group Study

## *ICE BREAKER:*

- ⇒ **Did you ever get a trophy for participating? Did you ever get a trophy for accomplishment? Which kind of trophy means more to you?**
  
- ⇒ **What is the thought process behind “everyone is a winner and gets a trophy” mentality?**
  
- ⇒ **What are the pros? What are the cons? Do you believe it’s had an effect on our society?**

**\*\*Leaders, make sure to leave time for BRINGING IT HOME.\*\***

**If running out of time focus on the questions in pink.**

## **MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE... WHATEVER IT TAKES!**

- ⇒ What are we trying to make visible?
  
- ⇒ What does “gospel” mean?

## **NOW IS THE TIME... WHATEVER IT TAKES!**

### **READ 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1**

- ⇒ Share a time when you ignored God’s wonderful gift.

### **READ 2 CORINTHIANS 6:2**

- ⇒ When is the time to cry out to God for help?
  
- ⇒ When is the time to call upon God for salvation?
  
- ⇒ When is the time to share the message of Jesus?
  
- ⇒ Share a time when you felt compelled to share the message... and didn’t?
  
- ⇒ Share a time when you felt compelled to share the message... and you did?
  
- ⇒ By looking at your daily schedule... when could you share your faith with someone?
  
- ⇒ What would it take for you to make that a reality?

## I WILL NOT CAUSE ANYONE TO STUMBLE!

### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 6:3

⇒ What does Paul mean.... “we live in a way that no one will stumble because of us?”

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 8:9,12-13

⇒ What issue does Paul address that was causing others to stumble? Why did some people have a hard time with it?

⇒ What are some issues today that might cause others to stumble in their faith?

⇒ What should our attitude be on issues such as these?

⇒ Has your behavior ever caused another person to stumble?

## I WILL OPEN MY HEART!

### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 6:6

Rick shared the story of the missionary who was sent to work with lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii.

⇒ He had poured his heart out for 12 years... with no results. What finally caused the people to accept him and listen to the message?

⇒ Even though it cost a great price... do you think his attitude was positive or negative after seeing the results?

⇒ What would your attitude have been?

## I AM WILLING TO ENDURE HARDSHIPS!

### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 6:4-5

⇒ What had Paul endured for the gospel? When have you chosen to endure hardship for the sake of Jesus?

⇒ If others were asked about you—would they say you demand your rights—or put others first?

⇒ Is there anything God is calling you to endure right now? For what purpose?

## I WILL NOT TEAM UP WITH UNBELIEVERS!

### READ 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-16

⇒ How do some Christians misuse this Scripture to live in a “self-righteous” cocoon? When they do, are they giving off a “sweet aroma” or a “foul stench?” Explain

⇒ What does Paul mean by do not “team up” with non-believers? Give examples.

⇒ Why does he say this? What will happen if they enter into the partnership? Why?

## BRINGING IT HOME.

“We in America have become so acclimated to a pain-free life of comfort, we simply are not willing to suffer for Christ.” Who do you know who puts the mission of Jesus above their own wants and desires on a daily basis?

**PRAYER TIME: Pray for requests, asking for spiritual healing as well.**

- Pray the group would develop a **WHATEVER IT TAKES ATTITUDE.**
- Pray that each one in your group would identify and begin taking their **NEXT STEP** with God as He works through these opportunities.