

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 4, 2019
Intro & 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

1. Who wrote the book of 2 Corinthians? _____
2. What type of book is this? _____
3. What was Paul's history with the Corinthian church prior to this letter?
 - a. He had planted the church on his second missionary journey (Acts 18).
 - b. He had met a lot of opposition to the message from Jews in the city (Acts 18:6)
 - c. Paul began preaching and teaching in homes when he had been run out of the Synagogue (Acts 18:7).
 - d. He had stayed there a year and a half while planting the church (Acts 18:11).
 - e. Paul had written them letters before, including 1 Corinthians, which warns them about some of the immorality that they had allowed in their church as well as their arrogance.
 - f. Paul had probably visited Corinth a second time (Acts 19:21).
4. What major issues are dealt with in this letter?
 - a. The history of his relationship with the Corinthian church.
 - b. The collection of offerings for the church in Jerusalem.
 - c. Paul's response to challenges to his apostolic authority.
5. What does Paul say about comfort in verses 4-7?
 - a. We will probably be constantly comfortable, if we serve God.
 - b. God is the God of all comfort.
 - c. His comfort can equal and overcome our sufferings.
 - d. If you share in His sufferings, you can have confidence that you will also share in His comfort.
 - e. He comforts us "so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." In other words, if you've received comfort from Him, pass it on!
6. Did Paul ever get discouraged, according to verse 8?
 - a. No, he was Paul.
 - b. Yes! In fact, he doesn't want us to be uninformed and think that he didn't have any trouble.
 - c. Yes, it says that he despaired of life itself.
7. Why, according to verse 9, does he believe that they were allowed to go through such difficulty? _____
8. What does Paul say about our ability to trust in God, in verses 10-11? _____

9. Do we ever get discouraged? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

Who do you rely in when you are discouraged and in trouble? _____