## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## **Hidden Treasures**

Week 3: The Focus 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Week of August 15, 2021 (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

We are surrounded by the visible world, and also the spiritual. Though spiritual realities are invisible, they are precious beyond description. Paul had learned to "fix his eyes on the invisible" and we must do the same.

**Kicking it off:** Summer is unfortunately coming to an end. Share of one summer highlight.

## Discussion:

1. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:16 *Outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.* 

Have you known someone who grew spiritually in their old age? Tell the group about them.

2. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:17 Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

Paul suffered horrible physical beatings because of his faith in Christ. How could he call them "light and momentary?"

3. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:18 What is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Name some unseen realities that will last forever.

4. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

What does this verse mean?

- 5. What benefits do we get when we live with focus on the spiritual realities in our lives?
- 6. What practical tips would you give to someone desiring to "fix their eyes on what is unseen?"

**Wrapping It Up**: Elisha prayed for his friend with these words, "Lord, open his eyes that he may see." The friend suddenly saw God's guardian angels protecting him (2 Kings 6:17). Pray that God would open our eyes to His presence, His love and His activity.