# **BIBLE STUDY GUIDE**

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

#### Open It:

Have you, or anyone that you've known, claimed to have an "out of body" experience when close to death? What do you think about such claims?

### **Dig Into It:**

- 1. Read 2 Cor. 5:1-5 and answer the following questions:
  - a) When and how will our "earthly tent" be "destroyed"? (v. 1)
  - b) Can we know for certain we will have an eternal home, or is it just something we think *might* happen? (v. 1)
  - c) List some ways that we "groan" in our present bodies: (vv. 2-4)
  - d) In this context, what is the purpose that God made us for? (v. 5)
  - e) What synonyms can you think of for "deposit" in relation to the guarantee of the Spirit? (v. 5)
- 2. Read 2 Cor. 5:6-10 and answer the following questions:
  - a) Is it true that we would rather be with the Lord than in our present condition? Why or why not? (vv. 7-8)
  - b) What specific goals can we list for pleasing the Lord while still in this life? (v. 9) Name them:
  - c) What determines what we will receive at judgment? (v. 10) Is the reference here to eternal destiny or to reward?
  - d) Does the Christian face judgment in the same way that a non-Christian does? See John 5:24; 1 Cor. 3:13-15)

#### Reflect On It:

- 1. If you could choose at this very moment to be with God for eternity or to stay on this earth for another twenty years, which would you choose and why?
- 2. If you only had 24 hours left to live, what would you do or say in the time you had left?
- 3. When you think about the afterlife, which of the following words best describes your feelings and why? *Excited*, *Fearful*, *Worshipful*, *Apprehensive*, *Other*...
- 4. Do you know without any doubt that you will go to heaven when you die? If so, explain how you know. If not, explain why not.
- 5. Describe a perfect day for you in heaven. What would it be like?
- 6. How can the group pray for you today?

## **Pray About It:**

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