SERMON NOTES

January 26, 2020

JESUS NEVER SAID THAT Andy Tuel WEEK 4 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11

TWO DECLARATIONS:

1. I WILL NOT let my	_ cause
me to	
2. I WILL let my	_ point me
to	·
Bottom Line: God will	
, but not	

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GOD WON'T GIVE YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE

Introduction:

People have a lot to say, these days. On social media and among friends and family, we share opinions and advice freely. But sometimes Christians toss around statements that aren't exactly helpful or even biblically true.

This series cuts through the noise of the perceptions of Jesus and what it means to follow Him, in ways that may be surprising to some people.

Follow Up:

1. How did your thoughts on happiness change this past week?

Getting Started:

- 2. What stood out to you most from Andy's message?
- 3. When someone says, "in the future", how far does your brain imagine?

Read and discuss: Romans 8:18-28

Helpful Questions:

- 4. What are your expectations of the future?
- 5. What do you think Paul means by "the glory" to come?
- 6. Why do we as Christians "groan"?
- 7. What reason for hope do you find in this passage?
- 8. What does the Holy Spirit do for us when we do not know how to pray? When is the last time you didn't know how to pray and the Holy Spirit helped and comforted you?

Key Questions:

- 9. What "present sufferings" are you struggling with?
- 10. When I see people who are dealing with "bigger struggles" than I am, how is it helpful for putting my struggles in perspective? Can it also be harmful to minimize my struggles? How?

Next Steps:

11. In group this week: everyone share (out loud or on a piece of paper) a current struggle and invite each group member to be responsible for prayer of one person's struggle(s).