

# Story of My Life

## WEEK 2: HAPPY, REGARDLESS



### BOTTOM LINE

**HAPPINESS DEPENDS ON CIRCUMSTANCES.  
JOY TRANSCENDS THEM.**

**Our hearts ache, but we always have joy.  
We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others.  
We own nothing, and yet we have everything.**

**2 CORINTHIANS 6:10 NLT**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are a guide to get the conversation started in your group—don't feel like you need to ask everything you see here! As long as you're having a conversation, you're on the right track. Also, feel free to adjust the questions for the needs of your specific group.

- 1. WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST FEAR? HOW ARE YOUR FEARS DIFFERENT NOW THAT YOU'RE AN ADULT? HOW ARE THEY THE SAME?**
- 2. HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED A CIRCUMSTANCE THAT SEEMED TO JUSTIFY YOUR FEARS?**
- 3. HOW IS YOUR FAITH OR TRUST IN GOD AFFECTED BY YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES (GOOD AND BAD)?**
- 4. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE APOSTLE PAUL DID OR EXPERIENCED THAT ALLOWED HIM TO HAVE JOY EVEN IN THE MOST PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCES?**
- 5. HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN SOMEONE WHO, LIKE PAUL, EXPERIENCED TOUGH TIMES BUT WHOSE FAITH SEEMED UNSHAKEABLE? WHO WAS IT? AND, WHAT MADE THEM ABLE TO EXPERIENCE JOY IN TOUGH TIMES?**
- 6. IF YOU KNEW YOU COULD TRUST GOD NO MATTER WHAT, HOW WOULD THAT CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES?**
- 7. WHAT'S ONE TIME YOU REMEMBER GOD COMING THROUGH FOR YOU IN THE PAST? HOW CAN IT HELP YOU TO HANG ONTO THAT MEMORY WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE IN THE FUTURE?**