

WOODLANDS CHURCH

June 18th 2017. Confidence: Confidence in God

Discussion notes 2 Corinthians 1:2-7

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them? Spend some time discussing the response to the message and the issues that it raised.

We are at the start of our new series on "Confidence". At the beginning of the year we felt God saying to us that He wanted to give us a renewed confidence in Him, His Word and Spirit, and the Good News. Over the next few weeks the talks will be based on the book of 2 Corinthians. Why not take 20 minutes and read the whole book in one sitting ahead of homegroup/pastorate next week?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:2-7

The passage describes God as

1. God our father v2
2. The Father of compassion v3
3. God of all comfort v3

What do you think are the characteristics of a great human father?

What does the image of God as "Father" mean to you?

How do you think your experiences with your own parents affect the way you relate to God as Father?

Do you feel confident to come to God as Father? Heb 10v19-23

When have you experienced God's compassion in your life?

Can you describe a time or situation when you knew God's comfort?

Being confident that we are God's children (1 John 3v1) and having experienced God's compassion, how should that affect the way we live our lives this week?

Take the opportunity to pray in twos and threes. Pray that you would each know the love and compassion of God as father. Pray for those you know who need God's comfort at the moment