

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

Love Comforts

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Message Reflection Guide

David Ferguson, who is a minister, author, and counselor, in his book titled *The Great Commandment Principle*, says “we can love others only as we experience God’s love for us. We can only give to others what we have freely received from the Father’s heart.”

CONVERSATION STARTER

On Sunday, Kyle described some of the challenges that first year cadets go through at West Point. Share the most challenging or difficult situation that you’ve been in.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. How would you define comfort? On Sunday, we used the defined comfort as coming alongside to give strength and hope.

Kyle’s main point was we are all called to comfort others. In doing so, we share the gospel. Is it easy for you to comfort others? Do you sometimes feel that you don’t know what to say or do when someone is suffering?

Kyle said that there will be sufferings and afflictions in our lives. Paul tells us that we will share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings. How does that make you feel? What types of sufferings did Christ endure?

Kyle also said that God gives us comfort. Read 1 Peter 5:10. How does that verse make you feel? In what ways does God comfort you?

Finally, Kyle said that we are all called to comfort those who are suffering or in affliction. How can you comfort others? What sufferings or afflictions help you to comfort others?

MAKING IT REAL

Providing comfort shares the Gospel and shows audacious love. Who in your life can you provide comfort to? Spend some time sharing with the group who God is calling you to comfort.