These questions are for the **April 15, 2018** sermon, "The Company of Comforters." Read the sermon passage (2 Corinthians 1.1-7) together out loud.

> Sermon Outline

By connecting grace & peace, we minister effectively by noting four things:

- 1. The source of true comfort (v3-4a)
- 2. The purpose of true comfort (4b)
- 3. The sharing of true comfort (5)
- 4. The hope of true comfort (6-7)

Discussion Questions

- 1. In Christianity, God is the source of true comfort. What are some ways people look for comfort in other worldviews or religions? How is the Christian gospel unique in this way?
- 2. Pastor Gary said Christians should be "channels" of comfort, not "reservoirs." What does that mean? Using real life examples, compare/contrast the two approaches.
- 3. What God has done *to* you, He wants to do *through* you. What are some things that are true about you as a Christian, things that God has done *to* you? What are some ways He can continue to do those things *through* you?
- 4. Why is it important to experience hope and comfort *in community*, not all on your own?
- 5. Paul describes his hope as "unshaken," even in the midst of trials. What makes the Christian hope unshakeable?