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“Terrible, Thanks for Asking” September 15, 2019 – Mark Sorensen

GATHER

- Welcome back to our second week of Harvest Home Groups! On a scale of 1-10 (1 being the worst), how has your week been? And why did you land at that number?

PLANT

- This past Sunday we finished our series “Terrible, Thanks for Asking.” What is one testimony or memory from this series that has stood out to you and why?
- As a home group, read **2 Corinthians 4:5-8**.
- Paul says, “we preach Christ, not ourselves” (vs.5) and that God’s light has shone into our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory. Any ideas of why Paul uses the metaphor of light to help explain the “knowledge of God’s glory...in the face of Christ.”

GROW

- On Sunday we watched a video testimony from Mark McCoy. He talked about his battle with bone cancer and the “renewed life” he found when recognizing his own mortality. He said, he learned to “accept life one day at a time.” Why is appreciating the gift of “today” so difficult for us?
- Vs. 6 of 2 Corinthians talks about us being “jars of clay” with “treasure” hidden in us. Paul is describing “jars of clay” as our mere mortal bodies and “treasure” as the grandeur of the message of the gospel. What point could Paul possibly be trying to make?

HARVEST

- Read verse 8 and 9 again. For Paul, ministry and life was filled with burdens and pressures almost too much for him to bear. But with Jesus, he found strength. Which of these (hard pressed, persecuted and/or struck down) best describes your season of life? What hope can you find in Paul’s words here?

PRAYERS

- Since prayer is so important, as part of our Harvest Home Group we are going to commit to pray for one another. What is something that is on your mind or heart today that our group can pray for on your behalf?