

# The God of All Comfort

## Small Group/Family Questions

### Open It

1. How do you normally react to hardship or suffering?
2. Why do people sometimes blame God for difficult circumstances?

### Explore It

1. How did Paul describe God? (1:3)
2. Why do you think Paul began his letter by praising God? (1:3)
3. What does God do when we are troubled? (1:4)
4. How does God involve Himself in our troubles? (1:4-5)
5. What did Paul's distress produce for the Corinthians? (1:6)
6. In what way is patient endurance produced in Christians? (1:6)
7. Why did Paul tell the Corinthians about the hardships he had endured? (1:8)
8. Why did Paul despair? (1:8)
9. How did Paul's confidence in God enable him to rise above his despair? (1:8-10)
10. For what reason did Paul endure suffering? (1:9)
11. How did the Corinthians help Paul through his hardships? (1:11)
12. What was the gracious favor Paul anticipated? (1:11)

### Get It

1. How does God want us to help one another in difficult circumstances?
2. Who do you know who is experiencing hardship?
3. How can you help other Christians who are suffering?
4. When have you ever suffered for the gospel?
5. How have other Christians helped you through difficult circumstances?
6. How can you rely more on God instead of yourself in times of hardship?
7. What can we do to learn patience and endurance from our hardships?

### Apply It

1. How could you remind yourself to pray this week for Christians who are suffering hardship for their faith?
2. What can you do this week to show love and concern for a Christian brother or sister who is suffering?