

**Discussion Questions**  
*The Spirit Is Our Power for Faithful Presence*  
**Week Two, August 22, 2010**

**PROMOTE DISCUSSION**

1. From last week's sermon, what is the main idea of the "Faithful Presence" series?

**THE GOAL: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15**

2. Why do you think God sometimes works more powerfully through our pain than our successes?
3. What do you think it means, "Death works in us but life in you?" How are you a source of life...
  - a. If you are highly successful and have problems.
  - b. If you suffer and grow through it.

**THE PROCESS:**

4. How does the example of Christ support your answer in question 3?
5. What three things do we do in affliction, v.10-11 and Romans 6:5-7? Why is it hard for us to embrace Jesus' death? In what area(s) of your own life do you reflect the life of Christ? In the past week, how have you experienced Romans 6:5-7?

**THE RESULT: PERSONAL APPLICATION 2 Corinthians 4:13-15**

6. On what should we base our words? How would these kinds of words affect your relationships? What would be revealed by these words?
7. What causes anxiety in your life? How do these verses influence your perspective concerning your own personal significance and life? How do you see God's work in your life and the lives of others?
8. How has God used pain and suffering in your life? What new things did you learn about God during these hard times? How will you use what you have learned through suffering in order to be a "faithful presence" to others?