

## Group Discussion Guide

“Below the Surface—Hard Conversations, Sincere Love” by Pastor Tony

Choose the best question(s) for your group

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Below are some discussion questions relating to a recent sermon. These are provided so that your Life Group can discuss what was shared. Previous Weeks' Discussion Guides and Sermon Notes are available through the [Sermons under the Resources menu](#). Click on the sermon series and then the sermon you are interested in. You will see a paper icon under the sermon title. Click the icon to open the sermon notes. To listen to the sermon click on the speaker icon.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 1:12-17; 2: 1-4

- 1 There is no question that many of us avoid hard conversations like the plague! However, the closer we become in our relationships, the more likely we are to observe behavior that is ungodly among fellow Christ-followers. How should we prepare *ourselves* for a loving, caring confrontation? (v.12) How do we decide what needs to be confronted?
- 2 What role, if any, does social media play in hard conversations? Is it ever appropriate to use texting or emailing in the process? Clear communication is essential especially in hard conversations.
- 3 How do relationships grow through hard conversations? Discuss the role parents play with their children and teens in the home and how conflict can be healthy or unhealthy. How should the parental role change (if at all) regarding hard conversations as our kids leave home and begin living on their own? (What about 20-somethings who continue living with their parents?)
- 4 Discovering the truth in relational conflict can be tricky. How should we guard against being influenced by “gossip”? Is there a biblical standard that should be considered?