**Group Discussion Guide**

***Below the Surface* Sermon Series**

***Jars of Clay: God’s Unlikely Treasure Box* 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](https://www.lefc.net/resources/sermons/). 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.

TEXTS: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; 7-12; Romans 9:21-23; 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

1. What makes the good news so glorious? It provides for us *everything* we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). The world needs to see and experience it in and through us. How do we convey these confident, life-giving, salvation-bringing and transformative characteristics to our *Oikos*? What is your personal strategy? What is your Life Group’s strategy?
2. What are some key characteristics of the enemy’s strategies? How can we prevent falling into his traps personally and as a church?
3. “When God seems farthest from us, he may be doing His most powerful work in us.” This quote from Dr. Larry Crabb seems contradictory. Using what the Word teaches us about being “jars of clay”, how could the quote help us understand why we are going through dark times in life? Do you know of other Scripture to support this?
4. It is not difficult to understand how we can “lose heart”. A good friend told me recently that she felt like her family had reached bottom with all of the challenges they are facing. What role do we play as Life Groups and friends to partner with each other during the bad times and help one another during the bad times and help one another to not “lose heart”? Discuss how we can do it better