



2 Cor. 2: 2-5 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus **Christ** and him **crucified**. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but **on** God's power.

2 Cor. 12:9 My grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness.

Icebreaker

Tell an amusement park or roller coaster story? OR Do you like movies like Inception or Butterfly Effect? Why or why not?

Conversation Starters

1. What is making you ask the question, "Is this real life", right now?
2. How has your understanding of "Christ Crucified" evolved over your lifetime? What puzzles you about it? What inspires? What confuses?
3. Can you think of a time when you witnessed or experienced, "weak is the new strong?" It could be in yourself or someone else?
4. Do you share your weakness with God? If yes, why is that something you do? If not, what is keeping you from sharing your weakness with God?
5. Karla said, "our weaknesses can actually make us more loveable." What do you think she means?
6. Sometimes weakness is the shadow side of a strength. For example people who are really good at self regulation can struggle with the up and down emotions that are unavoidable in a human life. Can you identify any of your strengths that taken to an extreme can tip into an area of weakness?
7. Karla said, "Almost anything that can be accomplished with anger can be done better without." Discuss....
8. How would you explain to a person who knew nothing about God, that weakness isn't an obstacle but an opening for God's power?

