

SMALL GROUP GUIDE – WEEK 1

Series: **POUR IT OUT**

Week 1: **Cracked, Not Cancelled**

 **2 Corinthians 4:7–10**

BIG IDEA:

Your weakness is not a liability—it’s the platform for God’s power.

GROUP FLOW (60–75 MINUTES)

Welcome & Icebreaker (10 min)

Scripture Reading (5 min)

Teaching Recap (10 min)

Discussion (25–35 min)

Prayer & Ministry (10–15 min)

ICEBREAKER (RELATABLE + LIGHT)

What’s something you’ve accidentally broken that you wish you could fix?

(Leader Tip: Keep it light and fun—this builds connection before going deeper.)

SCRIPTURE READING (Read Together)

2 Corinthians 4:7–10 (NLT) (Optional: Have 2–3 people read different verses aloud.)

TEACHING RECAP (LEADER SUMMARY)

We are “jars of clay”—fragile, ordinary, imperfect

God intentionally chose broken vessels to display His power

Pressure doesn’t destroy us—it reveals what’s inside us

Our story and scars reveal God’s sustaining grace

 **Key Truth:** God doesn’t cancel broken people—He uses them.

OBSERVATION (What does the text say?)

What stands out to you most in this passage? Why?

Why do you think Paul describes us as “jars of clay”?

INTERPRETATION (What does it mean?)

What does it look like for God’s power to be “from Him and not from us”?

How have you seen pressure reveal what’s inside you—good or bad?

Why do you think God chooses to use imperfect people instead of perfect ones?

APPLICATION (What will I do about it?)

Where have you been feeling “cracked” or weak in this season?

Have you ever felt disqualified from being used by God? Why?

What would it look like for you to stop hiding your struggles this week?


How can your story help someone else?

PRAYER & MINISTRY TIME (4 Focus Areas)

- Surrender of insecurity
- Healing from shame
- Freedom from feeling disqualified
- Fresh filling of the Holy Spirit

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

 Share part of your story with someone you trust

 Spend time daily asking: “God, flow through me today”

LEADER TIPS

- Create a safe, judgment-free environment
- Don’t rush vulnerable moments
- Allow silence—God often works there
- Keep redirecting to grace, not shame