**We’ve got hope! 2 Cor. 5.1-10 Leader’s Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. When is the last time you went camping? Where did you go? Who went with you? Did you enjoy it?**

**2. In an average week, how many pills do you take? (Total up all vitamins, supplements and pain killers) What would your life be like without any of those?**

**3. If you could get a new body part, what would you select?**

**BOOK/LOOK**

**Read 2 Cor. 5:1-10**

**4. What life event confirmed to you that you’re definitely getting older?**

**5. How does Paul compare our body to a tent? What would you compare your body to? Read 1 Cor. 15:37-41 to see what other things Paul compares our bodies to.**

**6. What is the life that Paul talks about in 5:5? When does eternal life begin: in heaven or on earth?** (Read John 3:36). **What gives you life?**

**7. How does the Judgment Day in 5:10 make you feel? Joyful or fearful?**

**8. Do you think that everybody will be rewarded equally in heaven? What kinds of rewards are suggested in Scripture?** Read 1 Cor. 3:11-15; Matt. 25:21; James 1:12; 1 Cor. 6:3. **Is it wrong to want heavenly rewards? What is heaven’s highest reward?** (God/Christ himself)

**9. 5:7 says “we live by faith, not by sight.” What is an example of how we live by faith? How is prayer “by faith”?**

**10. What motivates you more to please God (5:9): heavenly rewards, fear of judgment or approval of others?**

**TOOK**

**11. What is renewing you spiritually these days?**

**12. How can knowing the location of your ultimate “home” encourage you to be more hospitable to others now?**

**13. Who have you invited to the Christmas banquet? How can our home group help welcome those who come? What are you bringing as food?**