

Life Group Questions

#2 - If God is Good, Why Do We Suffer?

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). It's good to begin with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

CONNECT Questions

1. If someone asked you why God allows suffering, what would you say? Is this satisfying?
2. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
3. Share something you are thankful for or a challenge you are facing right now.
4. How did you do with your last "I Will" statement?

READ Philippians 2:6-11

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. What stands out or is interesting to you?
3. What is significant about Jesus identifying with our suffering?
4. Read Hebrews 4:15-16. As followers of Jesus, what is our hope in this passage?
5. Read Romans 8:18. What do you think Paul is saying here?
6. What do you learn about people in these passages? (yourself, others)
7. What do you learn about God in these passages? (his character, his ways, etc.)

LIVE IT OUT

1. Suffering often forces us to imagine a new future because the one we had planned is gone. Has a time of suffering ever changed or threatened to change the direction of your life?
2. How can you apply this passage this week? (Create an "I Will..." statement")
3. How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

PRAY

