

Life Group Questions

One Question Series: 3. How do we live through the suffering?

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. Can you share some ways you are a better person (spouse, parent, neighbor, Christian, etc.) because of the pain and suffering you have experienced?
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 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. What stands out or is interesting to you?
3. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
4. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)
5. Are you the kind of person who normally avoids dealing with pain? Explain
6. How do you typically react when God appears to be silent in your pain?
7. Is it hard to trust God in the silence?

LIVE IT OUT

1. How can you apply this passage this week? In other words, how can you put yourself on a path towards being better rather than bitter? (Create an "I Will..." statement")
2. How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

PRAY

