



Week 13 – Avoiding Suffering

Discussion Questions:

1. Where in your life right now, or in the recent past, are you experiencing suffering?
2. What is your general disposition towards suffering? Do you seek to avoid it at all costs? Do you accept it as a reality but try to ignore it? Do you embrace it? Do you rejoice in it?
3. What is your typical reaction to suffering? Plead, compare, pout, shout, or doubt? How do these reactions help or hurt you respond to suffering? How do they impact the people in your life?
4. How does God's desire for us to "learn to enjoy the fellowship of sharing in Christ's suffering by casting our anxiety on him" make you feel?
5. What can the men in your life, including this group, do to help you with your current suffering?
6. Is there someone in your life that needs your encouragement? How can you help them "enjoy the fellowship of sharing in Christ's suffering"?