



The Purpose of Suffering

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Sermon Points:

Big Idea: Our suffering always has a purpose because God's sovereign over it.

1. In our suffering, we receive God's comfort. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4a)
2. In our suffering, we learn to comfort others. (2 Corinthians 1:4b, 6-7))
3. In our suffering, we grow closer to Jesus. (2 Corinthians 1:5)

Discussion Questions:

1. Share about a time where you went through a season of suffering. What lessons did God teach you during that time?
(LEADERS we'd encourage you to think through this questions and prepare by kicking off with a short meaningful answer to this question)
2. Read 2 Cor 1:3-4a. What strikes you about how God is described here? How have you received God's comfort?
3. Read 2 Cor 1:4b, 6-7. Have you ever had God use you to comfort others from the lessons you learned in your suffering? Describe how that went.
4. Read 2 Cor 1:5. Have you ever considered that what you suffer is connected to the sufferings Jesus endured? How does that truth impact how we go through our suffering?
5. Of the five topics we discussed through the "All In" series, which of the five (Time, Truth, Treasure, Talent, Tears) is the one God is asking you to go ALL IN? What do you need to do different and how can we support you?

NOTE: Please read the last question. The goal for this week Small Group is to discuss the message and ALSO IMPORTANT TO GET TO LAST QUESTION. Be sure to ask each person to consider which of Talents, Truth, Treasure, Time & Tears to focus on moving forward.