

Tough Questions

Why Is There So Much Pain & Suffering in This World?



Talk It Over

Message Summary ...

In life's suffering, God works for a greater good, using our pain to grow us and reveal His love. Trust Him, even when silent, as He plans a celebration for you. This world isn't our home; our hope is in eternity with Him.

Key Scriptures ...

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18 (NIV)

⁵ *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*

⁶ *Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.*

⁷ *Instead, he gave up his divine privilege;*

he took the humble position of a slave

and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,

⁸ *he humbled himself in obedience to God*

and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

Start Talking ...

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- 90 days ago, many groups took on the 90 day Giving Challenge. If your group was one of these, then discuss what's happened as a result of trusting God with your finances.
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Mondays)

Start Thinking ...

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- What do you think Romans 8:28 means when it says God works for the good of those who love Him, even in tough times?

Start Sharing ...

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Have you ever faced a situation where you felt like everything was going wrong? How did you handle it?
- How can we trust God more when we face hard times or suffering?
- What is one thing you can do this week to remind yourself of God's presence during difficult moments?

Start Praying ...

Heavenly Father, we come before You seeking strength and understanding in our struggles. Help us trust in Your greater plan, knowing You work all things for good. May we find peace in Your presence and courage to share Your love, even in our pain. Amen.

Start Doing ...

This week, challenge yourself to identify one area of your life where you feel pain or frustration. Instead of asking "Why me?" ask "What can God teach me through this?" Journal your reflections and pray for God to reveal how He can use this experience for good.