



GroveGROUPS Sermon Guide

The Great 8 ~ Week 4 ~ How should we address pain and suffering? ~

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ICE BREAKER

Have you ever been asked this question: “Why does God let bad things happen to good people?” How did you respond?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ Romans 8: 18-23.
2. Do you think it's possible to escape pain in this life? Do you know people who it appears don't seem to suffer? What about people on the other side of that coin, who always seem to suffer?
3. Do you think there is a purpose to pain and suffering? In all situations? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever found yourself thinking and maybe even hoping that because you love and follow Jesus you shouldn't have to suffer?
5. Do you think that good can come from experiencing trials or periods of suffering? What can that look like?
6. Do you know of anyone right now who is going through a season of suffering? How could you serve them best in that season?
7. Is there a trial that you are dealing with right now? If you're comfortable share what you are going through with your group or someone you trust. Do you think that God is at work in that trial you are currently facing? Do you see evidence of Him walking with you through that trial or season of suffering?
8. READ Romans 8:20-21 again. What is the promised we're given in these verses?
9. Pray as a group, or on your own, and ask God to show you where He's working in your suffering. Ask Him to reveal the purpose of your pain and to remind you this week of our future hope in Him.