

Suffering

Romans 8:18-39 [Page 1757]

1. Suffering shouldn't _____ us. [John 16:33]
2. Suffering is _____ [1 Peter 5:8-11]
3. Suffering shatters the _____ of _____
[2 Corinthians 5:15]
4. Suffering serves a _____ [James 1:2-4]
5. Jesus is _____, _____, and _____ as we suffer.
[Matthew 28:20b; Joshua 1:5]
6. Suffering causes us to _____ for a _____
_____ [2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5]
7. Suffering _____ us to _____ to
_____ [Psalm 63:6-11]

Suffering: Gospel Help When Life Doesn't Make Sense by Paul David Tripp is an especially helpful book for those who are suffering.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. When has God brought good from suffering in your life?

Digging Deeper:

Read Romans 8:18-39

1. What reason does Paul give for why we suffer? What does this tell us about the possibility we'll experience suffering? Why is it comforting to know we live in a fallen world?
2. The apostle Paul writes in Romans 8 about inevitable suffering but also about hope and redemption. Why do you think God doesn't remove all suffering?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:8-11. In what way is suffering spiritual warfare? How does this encourage you to persevere in your sufferings?

4. How has suffering shattered the illusion that you aren't in control? Why is that realization a good thing?

5. Read Matthew 28:20 and Joshua 1:5. How does the presence of Jesus encourage us during difficult times?

6. Read Psalm 63:6-11. How can we cling to Christ? How can we help one another cling to Jesus?

Taking it Home:

1. Slowly read Psalm 136. Take time to recount all the ways God in love has guided you, provided for you, and met you with His grace and mercy.

Prayer Concerns: