



What If?

Week 2

What if suffering had a purpose?



2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Opening Questions:

- Share a time when you or someone close to you suffered and you couldn't make sense of it?
- Who helped you through a very difficult time? What did they do that was helpful?
- Why is it easier to thank God on good days than on bad days?

Questions from the sermon:

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 (optional Romans 8:18-39)

- What did Nick say that caught your attention?
- What do you need to apply from the sermon?

General Questions:

- Have you ever talked to someone that felt like God was cold, distant or unavailable, because of the suffering they have personally experienced? What did you say to them? What would you say if you had time to prepare for the conversation?
- Why do people respond to suffering in drastically different ways? What is your first response to suffering? Do you move towards God or move away? Do you trust Him or doubt His goodness?
- How does God work all things together for good when you suffer?
- How can suffering refine our character and deepen our faith?
- How does knowing that God is with us in our suffering impact our perspective?
- In what ways can we respond to suffering with hope and trust in God's purpose?