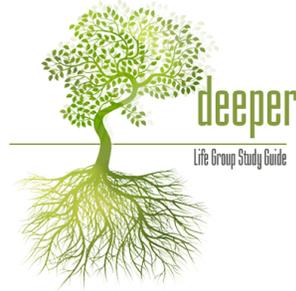


Life Group Questions

Skeptics Wanted: Why Do Bad Things Happen?

May 1st, 2016

Big Idea: God will sustain us through whatever life brings.



Welcome (You to Me, Me to You)

1. What are you most looking forward to this summer?

Worship (Us to God)

1. Read Psalm 73:23-28... We have all had difficulties and challenges come up in the past week. Some big, some small. Throughout them all God was with you, whether we realized it or not. Spend a few minutes thanking God for sustaining you this past week. Use this time to focus your heart before we dive into our conversation for tonight.

Word (God to Us)

1. What have you done that has helped get you through the difficult seasons in life? How have you managed to stay focused on God during those times? How did that help?
2. We have all experienced some kind of suffering. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10... Paul had plenty of suffering he faced, he used his weakness in those moments to bring glory to God. How can we do that today?
3. Paul says he asked God three times to take away his suffering. The text doesn't tell us why or what the suffering was, probably so we can relate to what he was going through. Why do you think God

didn't take away his suffering? Has God ever said anything similar to you?

4. God did not promise us an easy life, but He did promise to be with us. God told Paul that his grace is sufficient. What do you think that means? How is God's grace sufficient for you? What happens when His grace might not be sufficient?
 5. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7... Paul says that God is the source of all comfort. Have you noticed God's comfort in your times of trouble? In what ways?
 6. Paul didn't say that God would spare us from discomfort and suffering but that God will give us comfort to patiently endure. Have you been able to patiently endure suffering? What have you done well and what have you not done well?
 7. What can you change in your life so that when those difficult times come you can trust God through it?
 8. How can the church support those that are going through difficult seasons? How can this Life Group, support each other in our difficult seasons?
- ### Response (Us to the World)
1. There are those in this Life Group and those in our lives that are going through a difficult season. Spend time praying that God will reveal Himself in difficult season of life.