



“Learning to Get Up” – Romans 5:1-5 – 11/11/18
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Discussion Questions

1. Our larger world and our smaller community of Christ followers all try to explain and survive suffering, sorrow and tragedy. What are some of the different attitudes and understanding of “when bad things happen to good people”?
2. Think back to your growing up years and share how tragedy and suffering was explained to you? What did the adults in your life say when life became difficult for you? Were their words and explanations helpful or not? Why or why not?
3. Share your personal experiences as an adult with suffering and sorrow. How have you attempted to make sense of it? Did that help or only make it more painful and frustrating? Did anyone attempt to come alongside and help you? What helped and/or didn't help?
4. Pastor Joel laid out three purposes of suffering in his sermon. Did they make sense or do you feel it was “too easy of an explanation”? Which of them, if any, do you think would be helpful for you to use to understand suffering around you and in your own life?
5. Share with the group and then pray for each other regarding the sorrow and pain you may be in the middle of right now. You might be surprised by the personal understanding of others in the group.