

The Place of Brokenness

Good Grief Series

Discussion Questions

1. Share with the group the time in your life that caused, or causes, you to experience the most suffering/grief. Do you think the analogy of a long journey that few people understand is an accurate picture? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean, from the Bible's perspective, to be wise? Why does wisdom begin and end with trust in God? How does Psalm 116:15 help us understand wisdom?
3. Remembering the four parts of a "lament" from Bruce's message last week, explain how wisdom and lament work together.
4. Read Romans 12:15-16. What aspect of these instructions challenge you the most if you think about these verses in the context of being present with a grieving person?
5. Have you ever wanted to engage a grieving person but didn't because you just didn't know what to say or do?
6. Romans 12:16 commands us not to be "haughty." What would haughtiness look like when it comes to the way we treat a grieving person?
7. Can you describe a specific time when you heard or watched a grieving person struggle with God? What did they say or do? How did you respond?
8. Why do we need to let a grieving person have room to struggle? What happens if we don't?
9. What "explanations" have you heard for why someone is suffering? Have you ever had someone try to explain the reasons your grief? If so, what was helpful and what wasn't?
10. Why is it good advice to "speak less and pray more" when it comes to serving a grieving person?
11. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. In what ways has God prepared you to give comfort to hurting people?
12. Who do you know who has modeled how faith is a season of grief? Mention them by name and end your group by giving God thanks for them.