

The Suffering Servant

TEXT: Psalm 22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christian Adoption Services** – Banquet Friday, November 30th. Free seats available. Contact Daniel Tripp if interested.
 - **Redeemer Kids Volunteers** – Need help with toddlers. Contact Luke Boone to volunteer.
 - **Upcoming Schedule:**
 - Weeks of November 25 & December 2 – regular meetings
 - Week of December 9 - Life Group Christmas parties
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LEADING OFF...

1. Why does pain and suffering exist, both for believers and unbelievers?
2. What hope do we believers have today in the midst of suffering?

Read Psalm 22:1-11

3. In this Psalm, David sounds desperate. Have you ever experienced a time of desperation? Please share.
4. How does knowing that Jesus suffered, make pain and suffering more bearable?
5. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What do these verses urge us to do in our suffering?
6. How does knowing Jesus lived as a man, suffered and was tempted as we are, make any difference in the pain we experience?
7. Is it okay to be vulnerable, to not have answers, to weep and mourn? Why?
8. Have you had anything in your life that has caused you to say *“God if you loved me you would have... (fill in the blank)?*
9. How does your understanding of God’s Word help you now better understand how to respond to tough situations?
10. Talk about how we can better trust Christ in the midst of pain? How do we prepare ourselves to do this well and to help others?
11. What are some of the truths and promises of God we see in Psalm 22:1-11?
12. Practically, how do we cling to God’s promises?
13. Looking to the suffering servant Jesus, how does our redemption change the way we view suffering?
14. What defines we who are in Christ?
15. How is Satan disarmed by the work of Christ?
16. How is God’s glory made known even in affliction and pain? Do you have an example from your life?

WRAPPING UP... Revelation 21:1-5

17. Why is it important and helpful to remember these words as we go through difficult days in this life?