

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you experienced growth, maturity, or impact that came through difficulty rather than comfort?
2. **Read Mark 15:16–19.** Jesus is mocked as King while being humiliated. What stands out to you about the contrast between how the soldiers treat Him and who He truly is?
3. **Read Isaiah 53:5–7 alongside Mark 15:16–20.** Jesus endures suffering in silence. Why do you think He chose not to defend Himself? What does His silence accomplish?
4. **Read Matthew 5:38–39 and John 15:20.** Jesus teaches His followers to endure mistreatment rather than retaliate. Why is that so difficult? What might “blessed backwardness” look like in your relationships this week?
5. **Read Mark 15:21–24.** Simon is compelled to carry Jesus’ cross. On mission, we are called to endure suffering for others. What burdens might God be inviting you to carry right now?
6. Jesus endured suffering for the sake of others. Who in your life might need you to show up with costly love this week — even if it’s inconvenient or unseen?

Memorize: 1 Peter 2:23

“When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.”

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GOING FURTHER & NOTES FOR LEADERS

NOTES FOR LEADERS: Take some time every week this month that your group meets to have everyone pray for one person who doesn’t know Christ and to pray for what God will do at Olive Branch and the churches in Corona during Easter weekend.