

## Introduction

### (Watch Video)

Open it up to the group to see if anyone has any thoughts they want to share about what was discussed in the video.

## Read

(Leader will read this text out loud asking people to listen and see what stands out or speaks to them)

### **John 10:11 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Ask the group what stood out to them in the text.

## Discussion Questions

1. What part of the Horatio Spafford story stood out to you most, and why do you think that part grabbed your attention?
2. What does it mean to you personally to trust God's character more than what you can see in front of you?
3. How does knowing that God entered suffering for us change the way you think about Him being present in your own pain?
4. Why does suffering become more bearable when we believe it isn't meaningless, even though it still hurts?
5. What is one area of your life right now where God is inviting you to interpret your situation through what He has already shown you about Himself?
6. What has been your biggest takeaway from this series about the goodness of God?

## **Closing**

As you continue through life, don't rush to make sense of the suffering you face. Instead, interpret your pain through what God has already revealed about Himself. Trust in His character. When suffering speaks loudly, return again and again to the cross. God has shown us who He is, and He is good.