



**LIFE IN COMMUNITY, PART 3:
“PERSEVERING TOGETHER”**

Pastor Josh Pardee – September 22, 2019

SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

James 1:1-4 (NIV)

1 To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

The gospel—the good news of Jesus—is that your suffering isn’t lost.

Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

2 Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

In the presence of a suffering savior, even our pain becomes a pathway to God’s provision.

GROUP DISCUSSION

How do we engage as a community that can enter suffering?

How do we grow in being vulnerable and transparent?

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How do we practice listening well?

How did Pastor Josh define what he called a “Bible M.D.”? How can we avoid the pitfalls this approach to helping others, or suffering with others, can bring?

What if you asked the question as a life group of what does it mean to speak truth and life over each other? Where I actually proclaim the good news that Jesus is present here and at work and I remind you of that?

What does it mean to show up and be present? Does it mean bringing meals, watching kids, giving rides, cleaning a bathroom, etc.?