



### The Messy Middle

1. In the message, Jenn said we are addicted to outcomes. In what ways have you experienced that addiction?
2. Is there an outcome you're currently waiting on? Job? Family? Health concern?
3. Can you think of a time when you knowingly, or unknowingly, held God accountable to something you assumed He should do? How did it turn out?
4. Read Romans 5:1-5. How have you seen suffering lead to perseverance and character?
5. How does it change things in your mind to understand that God *allows* suffering instead of *causes* suffering?
6. Read Romans 8:22-28. What does Paul tell us about the ultimate outcome? How does knowing the outcome change how we approach the process, i.e. "the messy middle."
7. How are you in "the messy middle" right now? What is one way your group can be praying for you this week?