

# being human

*IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING*



## **BOOK 3, CHAPTER 2**

Sent Beings: Future-Oriented

## **THIS WEEK**

Enduring Suffering

For the follower of Jesus, our future informs our present. We pursue freedom in this life because we know that one day we'll be glorified with Christ. We endure suffering because we know the joy that is set before us. We act justly with our neighbors because we know the perfect Judge who will set all things right.

Together, we'll make sure that our mission is matching up with the hope we have in Christ's return. Let's live out our destiny in the here and now!

### **ICE BREAKER**

Would you rather stub your toe or bite your lip?

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### **BOTTOM LINE**

We endure suffering for the joy set before us.

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### **GROUPS SCRIPTURE**

Read about the suffering of Israel in Exodus 5:15 - 6:9 and the joy afterward in Exodus 15:1-21.

*CHECK OUT TODAY'S SCRIPTURE & VIDEO AND TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS A QUESTION OR TWO FROM EACH SECTION.*

## LEARNING HIS STORY

1. Can you think of other people in Scripture who endured suffering for the joy set before them?
2. Can you think of modern-day believers that you have known of who endured suffering for the joy set before them?
3. So many songs recorded in Scripture--like Moses' and Miriam's--are written on the other side of suffering. Why do you think that is?

## EXAMINING OUR STORY

4. Can you think of a hard time you went through that you thought would never end? Why does suffering tend to feel that way?
5. Can you think of a hard thing you went through that you now believe is worth it?
6. How do you like to express your gratitude to God after coming through a season of hardship and finding fresh joy again?

## FINDING A NEW STORY

7. What are some ways that God uses the suffering we experience to help us grow into the people he wants us to be?
8. What does it actually look like to endure suffering well?



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