

Finding Jesus



BIG IDEA

“In times of suffering, look to the only innocent sinless sufferer - Jesus Christ - who - as Job reminds us - gives and allows both the good and the bad in our lives. Jesus is the One who we’re to bless the name of every single day - both on the days of rejoicing and the days of suffering. For the One who suffered for you knows what you’re going through. And he cares for you. And he’s using even this suffering to draw you to him so he can be your source of comfort and healing, and hope, and joy.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. Read Job chapters 1 & 2. What did you learn about Job?
3. What are your thoughts on suffering? How do you respond to suffering?
4. Why did Job’s friends believe he was suffering? Why is this a bad theology?
5. How do we know Job trusted in God’s sovereignty even in the midst of his suffering?
6. What was Job’s point to his wife when he asked: “Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?”
7. Why is this a good question for us to ask as well?
8. Read Luke 22:39-46. What similarities are there between Job’s suffering and the suffering Jesus faced?
9. Where is our hope found in Jesus this week? How does Jesus use our suffering to bring us closer to him?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How were you personally challenged this week?
2. In what ways has suffering brought you closer to Jesus?
3. Why is it important to ask “What can I get out of this?” in the midst of suffering?
4. What does Jesus know about your suffering? Why is there hope in that answer?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
6. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?

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Pray: Take time this week to pray for each Life Group member individually. At your next meeting, follow up with each other’s prayer requests.

Read: Job 1 & 2; Luke 22:39-46. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Visit gatewayepc.org/news and listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Job 1 & 2; Luke 22:39-46)

Love: How can your group show the love of Christ to our community this summer?