



Let's Talk

Small Group
Sermon
Discussion

JESUS DID WHAT?! WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

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SERMON SUMMARY

“We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed...”

2 Corinthians 4:8-10

Have you ever felt like that? All of us have times in our lives when we do not feel like life makes sense. It comes as a surprise to some of us that Christians are not exempt from pain and difficulty. All of those things come from a variety of sources including, our own decisions, decisions or actions by others, etc. However, because we live in a world that still feels the effect of the curse of sin, pain and evil is all around us. Just living on Earth makes us vulnerable to problems and pain. Why then do we follow Jesus and how do we navigate through the pain and suffering?

MESSAGE NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Do not feel like you must cover every question below. Decide which one or ones really apply to your group or stir up an interest in your group. Do not rush to “get through them all.” It is more important that you discuss openly and honestly than that you go over every question.)

1. Do you know Christians who have suffered and had problems? Discuss the reality of suffering, even among followers of Christ.
2. Have you personally experienced times in your life when you struggled to understand why something was happening? Were you tempted to blame or question God during your difficulty? Be honest and transparent. Almost everyone has had those times.
3. In being open with yourself and others, where do you feel the most conflict and trouble comes from in your life...
 - a. Your own choices?
 - b. The choices of others?
 - c. God directing, protecting or correcting you?
 - d. Living in a sin infected world?
4. Discuss how you made it through the tough times in your life.
5. What role has the church family played in your past in helping you deal with life and hurt?
6. Discuss how this small group can be of help to you as you navigate your way through life. When do you need this group the most? What benefit can you see from having these relationships? How can you make them stronger? The Bible says to consider ways to encourage each other. How can this group help encourage each other?