

6-Who Needs God? Suffering

2 Corinthians 4:7-18



1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. If you could have a face-to-face conversation with God, and you could ask him one thing, what would it be?
3. In your own words, explain why the reality of evil and suffering shake our faith so strongly.
4. Try to explain a rationale for evil and suffering without God. Try to explain a rationale for evil and suffering with God.
5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-8. What about this passage sticks out to you most and why?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 again. In your own words describe what Paul means by 'light and momentary troubles.' What would focusing on the 'unseen' instead of the 'seen' change? Why is this so difficult for us when it comes to evil and suffering?
7. When suffering or trial achieves something great it makes the suffering seem less evil or bad. In what areas of daily life have you experienced this (Alvin mentioned giving birth)? How does this relate to what Paul says in vs. 17 when he says "glory that far outweighs them all"?
8. Suffering is not *divine abandonment*, but opportunity for a *divine appointment*. How have you seen and how could you allow your own suffering to work for you, for God's Kingdom, and for God's glory?
9. Pray together.