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## BEYOND DOUBT

THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING

Viewing Our Suffering Through the Lens of Jesus

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 Instead of asking, "Why would an all-loving, all-powerful God allow this?" what if we asked, "How does an all-loving, all-powerful God help me through this?"  Sometimes God's answer to our prayers isn't to remove our suffering, but to <u>redeem</u> it.

 God can use our suffering to bring <u>comfort</u> to others.









For group discussion the week of June 8

## This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join a Life Group and do this study together!

- 1. Think about a time when you or someone you loved experienced deep suffering. What was your immediate reaction or question in that moment? Did you wrestle with God about this? What do you feel you have learned from this?
- 2. This week's message was *The Problem of Suffering*. Let's read a key Scripture verse for this week: John 16:33. What caught your attention in the message? There are no easy answers to suffering. Are there areas where you struggle with this?
- 3. The message talked about viewing suffering through the lens of Jesus. Another passage that sheds light on this is Romans 8:18. How does this verse speak to the idea of perspective in suffering? What does it look like to live with this kind of hope?
- **4.** We talked about how God is not the author of our pain, but He is present in it. Let's read Isaiah 43:2. How does this promise affect the way we think about God's presence in our suffering? Have you experienced a time where you felt that kind of "with-ness" from God?
- 5. The message encouraged us to stop asking "Why would God allow this?" and start asking, "How does God help me through this?" See Psalm 34:18. Can you share a time when you felt crushed in spirit? What helped you sense God's nearness, or what do you wish someone would have done for you in that time?
- **6.** Let's read 2 Corinthians 1:3–5 and 1 Peter 5:10. Our suffering can help us have compassion for others in a similar situation. Can you share a time when your suffering allowed you to genuinely connect with and comfort someone else in pain? Is there someone in your life now who might need to know they're not alone in their pain?