

## JESUS IS: MODEL IN SUFFERING

Use the following Growth Group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

**Growth Group Leaders:** It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or that best fit your Growth Group.

### BREAK IT OUT:

1. When have you asked, "God, why me?"
2. What was the breakthrough concept you heard in this sermon?

### TALK IT OUT:

3. Is suffering a normal experience for a follower of Jesus Christ? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think followers of Christ expect a life without suffering?
5. How is Jesus God's answer to our suffering?
6. Who has inspired you by how they endured painful events and suffering? Why are they a hero to you?
7. What did their response reveal about their belief in God?
8. How does God use our suffering to tell a story of love and hope to the world?

### WORK IT OUT:

9. Is suffering in your life resulting in growth and new hope for eternity? Why or why not?
10. How can your Growth Group help or come alongside you in this endeavor?

## Jesus Is: Model in Suffering

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As diverse as we all are, there is a common thread of similarity. That line of similarity runs solidly through each of our lives and also through the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is our model in suffering. Through family, relationships, finances and health, we all suffer. Let's walk through 1 Peter 2 and discover three fantastic and encouraging truths about suffering.

1. **Undeserved suffering is for us all** - (1 Peter 2:18-19; Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Suffering is conferred, given or bestowed on all people. It happens to everybody.
2. **Undeserved suffering is commended by God** - (1 Peter 2:19-20). Consider your suffering. It is highly praised, much-admired, applauded and celebrated by God.
3. **Undeserved suffering is an imitation of Jesus** - (1 Peter 2:21-25). Want to be Christ-like? Want to walk in His steps? Suffer unjustly.

### Our Next Steps

Thank God for our suffering. Ask God for endurance until He sees fit for the suffering to end.

**NEXT WEEK 6/10 • JESUS IS • THE WORD**

*1 John 1:1-14*