

Sermon-based Growth Group
The Purpose of Suffering
Philippians 1:12-30
August 27, 2023
Questions

Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday's service did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

1. In what ways do we suffer?
2. Why does it matter that we acknowledge that we are suffering?
3. That only thing that matters about suffering is our _____ to it.
4. How does our response to suffering tell us what we believe about God?
5. How does our response to suffering tell us what we believe about this world?
6. Read Philippians 1:21-24. If you are being honest, what reasons do you have for staying in this world?
 - a. What should your reasons be?
7. When you are suffering, where do you "breakdown?" How do you react?
 - a. What do you learn about yourself from this (what are your weak points)?
8. Why shouldn't our response be fear?
 - a. anger?

- b. disgust?
- c. to grasp for power or control?
- d. despair?

9. Why should we respond with courage?

- a. faithfulness?
- b. hope?

10. How sure are you about the nature of reality and the purpose of your life?

- a. **HOW** does the Bible teach us about reality and purpose?
- b. Why is suffering necessary to accomplish this change?