

Each week at Saylorville Church, following the exposition of a given passage from Scripture, a small group of individuals then take the message to deeper levels of truth and its application. The questions below are intended to provoke discussion among our Cell Groups. The intention is not that every question is pursued but that each leader, using the following questions as a guide, interacts with their particular group.

Hope for the Hurting (Part 2)

Pastor Nemmers

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

October 11, 2015

Review:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11
2. What is the main idea of the passage?
3. What was the main idea of the message?

Application:

1. How has suffering been a teacher in your life?
2. Suffering is intended to work for us, if we suffer well. What are the implications of this statement (both positive and negative)? Share an example of how you have witnessed or experienced the truth of this statement.
3. How does suffering expose our weaknesses? Why is it important for our weaknesses to be revealed? What weaknesses have you identified in your own life recently?
4. How does suffering allow us to release our grip on this world and everything in it? What are you grabbing a hold of in your own life that is impeding your relationship with God? What will it take for you to let it go?
5. How does suffering teach us to rely on God and allow us to see God? How would you assess your level of reliance on God today? How about your vision of God?
6. How does suffering bring our friends together? Why is it so important for us to share our afflictions with fellow followers of Christ? Why do we tend to keep our burdens to ourselves?
7. What are you scared could be a future area of suffering for you? Why? How do you think you will respond?
8. What afflictions are you facing today? How can your cell group pray for you and help you specifically?
9. What specific circumstances are you praising God for today? Share a prayer request that you have seen God answer recently.