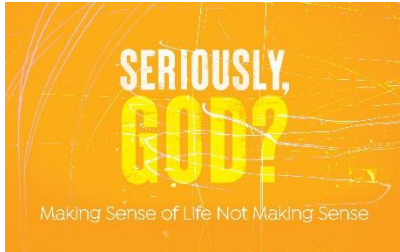


Small Groups Conversation Guide



Seriously, God? Week Six



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you personally struggled with the problem of pain and suffering in your faith journey? Have you ever found yourself questioning God because of it?
2. CS Lewis suggests that our dissatisfaction with pain actually points to the existence of a loving God. Do you agree or disagree? Why do you think we instinctively feel that pain is "not the way it's supposed to be"?
3. St. Paul experienced incredible suffering, yet he saw it as an opportunity to grow closer to Christ. Can you think of a time when pain or hardship brought you into a deeper relationship with God?
4. Paul encourages us to focus not on suffering itself but on the "finish line"—our ultimate goal of knowing Christ and the hope of resurrection. What are some practical ways we can shift our focus from our struggles to God's greater plan?
5. What does it mean to have a "mature" attitude toward suffering? How can we support each other in developing this perspective in our daily lives?

From this week's message, is there a...

- Scripture to ponder?
- Prayer to pray?
- Action to take?
- Conversation to start?
- Mindset to change?

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