



If God is Good, Then Why is There Suffering?

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HOW WE SUFFER:

- **Self-inflicted**

Romans 7

- **Inflicted by others directly**

Genesis 4:1-16

- **Inflicted by others indirectly**

Genesis 16; Psalm 83:1-6

- **Fall of nature**

Matthew 14:30



- **Fall of body**

Luke 5:17-26

- **Empathetic**

Luke 19:41-44

- **Preventative**

Numbers 22:25

- **Discipline**

Romans 5:3-5



- **Missional**

2 Corinthians 11:21-29

THE GIFTS OF SUFFERING:

- Leads to repentance

- Rely on God deeper

- Points to a need for redemption of ourselves and our world

- Sanctifies us



1. Take a moment to share what you took away from Pastor Chris Hilken's message this weekend.

2. What strikes you most about the community the early church enjoyed? (See Acts 2:42-47, 4:31, 4:32-36)

3. Verses 13 and 14 seem to contradict each other. Who is the "no one else" in verse 13? What were they afraid of that the men and women of verse 14 were attracted to?

4. The fifth step in the Oikos Challenge is to Prepare yourself to share the Gospel because you know it and live it. What can we learn from the early days of the Church that would help us to remain "highly regarded" by those around us?

Read Acts 5:17-21.

5. What was the command of the angel that liberated the apostles in verse 20? What does their obedience in verse 21 display about what they were most committed to?

6. What have you been set free from? Brainstorm in your group simple ways you can share the new life you have in Christ with those in your Oikos, even in the midst of social distancing.

Read Acts 5:22-33

7. Analyze together Peter's response to the Sanhedrin. What was his defense for defying their orders?

8. The apostles were in trouble for all the right reasons! Contrast together some wrong reasons to get into trouble with some right reasons.

Read Acts 5:34-42

9. Looking at Gamaliel's advice in verses 38-39, how can we be encouraged to stay on mission even during difficult times?