

Tough Questions

If there is a God, why does he allow suffering?

Personal preparation **BEFORE** the growth group meets:-

Engaging

1. What might be behind the question? i.e. emotions, experiences, ideas

Responding

2. What initial points could you make in response to the question?

Listening

3. How do these passages shed light on the question? Choose 5 (or more).

Gen 3:8-19

Job 1:6-12

Isaiah 45:5-7

John 9:1-7

Rom 8:18-25

Rom 8:28-39

Heb 4:14-16

1 Pet 1:3-9

Rev 21:1-4

WHEN the growth group meets:-

Starter

- a. What are some examples of suffering you are currently aware of?

Sharing

- b. Share you answers to Q1

- c. Share you answers to Q2

- d. Share you answers to Q3. You could work in small groups. Don't feel like you have to cover all the passages.

Summary

- e. Someone asks you, 'If there is a God, why does he allow suffering?' How do you respond?

Pray together