

## 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**