



growing courageous for Jesus | Wagga Rd, Aug-Sep 2023

God is the one and only, who is sovereign over all, for our good

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.

PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray & read 1 Peter 1.1-9; Romans 8.28-30

What strikes you about these readings?

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Do you have any questions about these readings?

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How do these readings make you feel?

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What do you think in response to these readings?

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What will you do in response to these readings?

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS: Pray for your discussion time

read Genesis 3.1-19; Romans 5.12; Matthew 15.16-20

- Where does the evil and suffering of this world come from?

read 1 Peter 1.1-9

- Who is Peter writing to? How did they come into God's grace and peace? (vv1-2)

- What do God's elect have? (vv3-9)

- In God's economy what does *grief in all kinds of trial* (v6) achieve? (vv3-9)

read Romans 8.28-30 (if you have time read Romans 8.18-39 it is super encouraging)

- Why do you think the good and unstoppable God allows evil and suffering? What is the good that God is working through suffering? Does evil/suffering defeat God and his purposes?

- How can what we've seen so far help you to answer the question: If God is good and powerful why does he allow suffering?

read 1 Peter 4.12-19; Luke 10.25-37

- Peter begins his letter by highlighting the good that God works through suffering. He ends his letter with instructions about how to respond to and live as participants in the sufferings of Christ. Why is it helpful to be reminded that in Christ, God suffers with us to save us?

- How does the Gospel give you courage to continue to do good and so be a good neighbour? What is the ultimate good you want for your neighbours?

- How might you be a courageously loving neighbour this week?

PRAY!