

Discussion Guide for Philippians 3:10-11

1. Read Philippians 3:10-11 and briefly review the sermon outline

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: Suffering is always painful but is not always negative. God uses suffering and even inflicts suffering for our good.

Read John 15:20-21

What is a major source of Christian suffering?

Read Genesis 37:12-28 and 50:15-21

How did Joseph's brothers sinfully cause him suffering?

How did Joseph see the relationship between man's sinful actions and God's sovereign hand?

Read Hebrews 12:3-11

What is the good purpose in God inflicting suffering?

How have you seen this corrective discipline in action?

Read Job 1:13-22

What suffering did Job attribute to the hand of God?

What does this teach us about God?

How was Job able to affirm 1:21-22?

Read Revelation 21:1-5

What is the ultimate end of suffering and how does this encourage us today?