

Kicking it Off

What has been your greatest struggle in the midst of this global pandemic?

Big Idea

What you know is what will get you through.

Key Scriptures

John 11:35 "Jesus wept."

Isaiah 53:3 "He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care."

Matthew 27:46 "At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?""

2 Corinthians 1:7 "We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us."

Isaiah 43:2 "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

Hebrews 13:5 "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Revelation 21:1, 4 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will pass away."

Discussion

1. Where do you tend to turn when facing hardship? How does that help you through?
2. Read John 11:35, Isaiah 53:3, and Matthew 27:46. What did Jesus experience in each of these passages?
3. How does knowing the suffering and hardship that Jesus faced help you in the face of your own hardship?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:7. The apostle Paul is reminding believers that as you share in suffering, you'll also share in comfort. How has God's comfort been yours in these uncertain times?
5. Read Isaiah 43:2 and Hebrews 13:5. What does the promise of God's presence mean to you? How do you experience His presence most?
6. Read Revelation 21:1,4. As a follower of Jesus Christ, you know the ultimate end game. How does what you know help you to get through the current climate in our world?

Wrapping it Up

How might you encourage others with these words in the days to come? Decide on two things you can do to share with someone who is really struggling with fear and anxiety in these uncertain times.

Memory Verse

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
Romans 8:28

Prayer Focus

Pray for our Hope Center as we seek to meet the physical needs in our community. Pray for continued resources to be able to supply those needs.