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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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We all experience pain and suffering, and you may ask how we can make sense of a good God amid a broken world. Pastor Jeff in his message stated that the only way we can have an understanding is in association with God. How has leaning into God helped you understand?

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- Read Gen. 2:18. Pastor Jeff says that this is pointing to a relationship with God and with other people and that both are crucial elements to mitigate and give sense to suffering. How have you found that true in your life?
- Read Job 1:6-22. Pastor Jeff in his message stated, “At least I am not the only one who feels like my world is completely falling down around me.” Do you find yourself taking comfort in knowing other people are suffering just like you? If so, why?
- Read Philippians 1:21-30 and JOB 1:20-21. What do these two scripture readings say that our stance should be when we find ourselves in the middle of our pain and suffering?
- Pastor Jeff in his message stated, “If we assume that the end brings about a good life or less suffering, then we are going to be wildly disappointed.” How have you seen that manifested in your life when you have tried to fix everything?
- Pastor Jeff reminds us, that when we experience significant pain and loss, we realize that it never goes away. We come to know that beauty, tragedy, pain, suffering, tears, and laughter all point to our role in the relationship with God. However, we are promised, as we trust in God's comfort and hope, that it will get better, and we are not alone in this. How have you experienced that in your life?

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