
COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

OPEN: Would you rather be the first person to explore a planet or be the inventor of a drug that cures a deadly disease?

What stood out from the sermon this week?

READ: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 2 Timothy 3:12, and 1 Peter 5:8-11.

DIG: How should we respond to persecution according to these passages?

How do you respond to suffering?

How can we grow in our faith in the midst of persecution or suffering?

What is the difference between *godly discipline* and *earthly abuse*?
How are these two distinct ideas confused?

CHALLENGE: We don't enjoy suffering, but there are so many things we can learn from it. Next time you are in the middle of suffering, write down all the things you can praise God for in the midst of it. He hasn't abandoned you and He won't abandon you!

REFLECT: To hear more about how to manage suffering in your life, login to your RightNow Media account this week and watch the seven-minute video, *How Should I Prepare For Suffering?* by Dr. Betters, found under "Video Elements." If you have not signed up for a RightNow Media account, go to www.mstar.church, click on the orange box on the home page, and fill out the short form to get FREE access.