

❶ Why is there so much hate, hurt and suffering in this world?

~ God’s _____ is at work. Psalm 103:19 (418)

God _____ suffering.

God _____ suffering.

God never causes _____. James 1:13 (847)

God uses sin “_____”.

~ Genuine _____ requires the freedom of the _____.

~ Suffering is not _____. II Cor. 4:16-18 (804)

▪ Suffering has a _____ purpose. Psalm 34:18 (387)

▪ Suffering has a _____ purpose Rom. 5:3-4 (785)

▪ Suffering has a _____ purpose. II Cor. 1:3-4 (803)

▪ Suffering has a _____ purpose. II Cor. 5:21 (805)

▪ Suffering has a _____ purpose. I John 3:2 (856)

❷ How do I make it?

❖ Embrace God’s _____ plan

❖ Consistently _____ on the bigger picture

❖ _____ into God

P _____

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❖ _____ on other _____

Worship Songs 5/12/2019

Your Promises: *Elevation Worship*

Who You Say I Am: *Hillsong*

O Praise The Name (Anastasis): *Hillsong*

Interview Takeaways

- Too often American Christians approach suffering with the mindset that we _____ better.
- The suffering _____ against God is incomplete.
- When belief in God becomes difficult, the tendency is to turn away from Him; but in heaven's name to what?
G.K. Chesterton

Discussion Guide

Getting Started

What does your voice typically sound like in times of pain, suffering or discomfort?

What are some examples of unhealthy voices in suffering?

Discuss your thoughts on God allowing and causing suffering.

Discuss the G.K. Chesterton Quote

Sermon Interaction

Read Psalm 10:1

When you are facing suffering and pain, what “problems” do you have with God?

How does understanding that God allows for us to express our pain and frustration help us in times of suffering?

Read Psalm 25:8, 48:1

Besides love and power, what other attributes of God should be highlighted in our discussions about suffering in the world and in our lives?

Read Hebrews 4:16

When in a time of suffering, what is the difference between aggressively asking God for help and demanding that He respond?

Which one is more Biblical?

Read Romans 8:28-30

How does suffering fit into the “now” and “not yet” big picture of our spiritual growth?

Note

Justified: Positional Sanctification

Conformed: Progressive Sanctification

Glorified: Permanent Sanctification

How does God’s character give us assurance for the “big picture”?

Which suffering purpose mentioned in the message do you struggle with the most?

Which suffering purpose mentioned in the message has the most meaning to you?

Read Job 1:20-21, 2:9-10

Why does God deserve our praise during times of pain?

What are some worship songs that offer praise to God and bring you comfort during times of suffering?