WHO SINNED?



REFLECT/CONNECT

In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?

 What's something that's happened recently that's worth praising God for?

PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

 Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

REFLECT/CONNECT

 Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

GROW IN THE WORD

 These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.





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GROW IN THE WORD

01.	As Jesus escaped from the temple, he and his disciples encountered a blind man. The
	disciples asked Jesus why the man was blind, and assumed it was because of someone's
	sin. Jesus answered and stated that the man's blindness happened in order to accomplish
	God's purposes (v. 1-3).

•	How would you	describe	the	disciples'	view	of	the	world,	sin,	and	suffering	based	on	their
	question to Jesus?													

• What does Jesus' response reveal to you about sin, suffering, and God's sovereignty? See Luke 13:1-5; Romans 8:18-28; Exodus 4:11; Romans 9:17.

• How do you tend to view sin and its relationship to suffering? In other words, what's your natural reaction when you are confronted by suffering?

- **02.** Jesus explained his answer and described himself as the light of the world. Jesus put clay that he'd made on the blind man's eyes and commanded the man to wash it off in a nearby pool. The man did as Jesus said, and returned from the pool with his sight restored (v. 4-7).
 - What stands out to you about the way Jesus heals this man? Who initiates the blind man's healing?

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• Why does Jesus refer to himself as the 'light of the world' right before giving the blind man sight? See Isaiah 42:6-7.

• What works must we (the church) now do, now that Jesus is no longer in the world? Take note of verses 4-5. See also Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 13:46-48; Philippians 2:14-16.

ON MISSION: JUNE 24

Children's Hunger Fund I 9 am

Wayside loves partnering with CHF to assemble FoodPaks for distribution across San Antonio and around the world to those in need. Learn more online or in our app - registration opens soon!

WOMEN'S SUMMER GATHERING

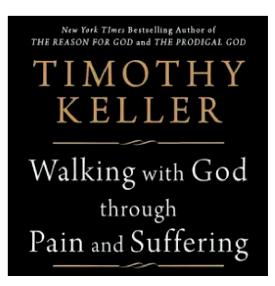
Tuesday June 617 nm | Fellowship Hall

Ladies, join us for a fun evening of games and fellowship at our next event! Invite a friend to join you, bring your favorite game, and come ready for a great evening together! Register online or in the app.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



You can find links to these resources on our series page: waysidechapel.org/questions



Walking with God through Pain & Suffering

By Timothy Keller

The question of why God would allow pain and suffering in the world has vexed believers and nonbelievers for millennia. Timothy Keller, whose books have sold millions of copies to both religious and secular readers, takes on this enduring issue and shows that there is meaning and reason behind our pain and suffering, making a forceful and ground-breaking case that this essential part of the human experience can be overcome only by understanding our relationship with God.

Walking with God through Pain and Suffering uses biblical wisdom and personal stories of overcoming adversity to bring a much-needed, fresh viewpoint to this important issue.

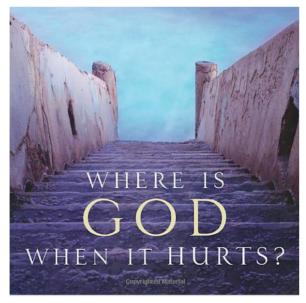
Where Is God When It Hurts?

By Philip Yancey

Author Philip Yancey uses examples from the Bible and from his own experiences to show us how we can learn to accept - without blame, anger, or fear - that which we don't understand. Along the way, he answers questions such as:

- Why is there such a thing as pain?
- Is pain a message from God?
- How should we respond to suffering?
- How can we learn to cope with pain?

Where Is God When It Hurts? speaks to everyone who thinks that suffering doesn't make sense. With compassion and clarity, Yancey brings us one step closer to finding an answer when our pain, or the pain of those we love, is real and we are left wondering, where is God when it hurts?





God's Works Displayed (Podcast)

By David Platt

This short podcast looks at John 9:1-3 and how these verses portray suffering as God's servant and remind us all things work together for good. You can find this podcast on your preferred podcast platform.

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