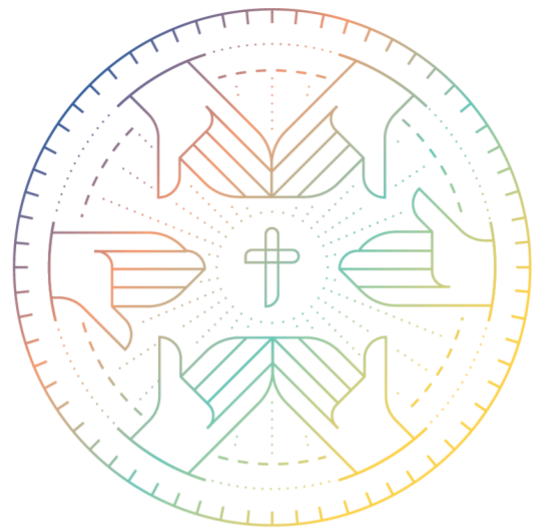


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## ICEBREAKER

Has there been a time in your life where the church family has been very important to you? What was happening in that season and how did the church family help you?

## OR

David said that suffering affects us all in some way. Is suffering universal? Do you know someone going through a season of suffering?

## INTRODUCTION

**Read 1 Peter 3:8-22.** What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message? What idea did you find most helpful?

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Romans 5:3-5:** How does this passage add to our understanding of the purpose of suffering?

**Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.** What does this passage teach about suffering?

**Read Psalm 23.** How does this passage relate to the common experience of suffering and difficulty?

**Read Philippians 4:6-7.** How does this passage relate to suffering? How can it encourage us?

## APPLICATION

What's one specific way I can apply this message to my own life?

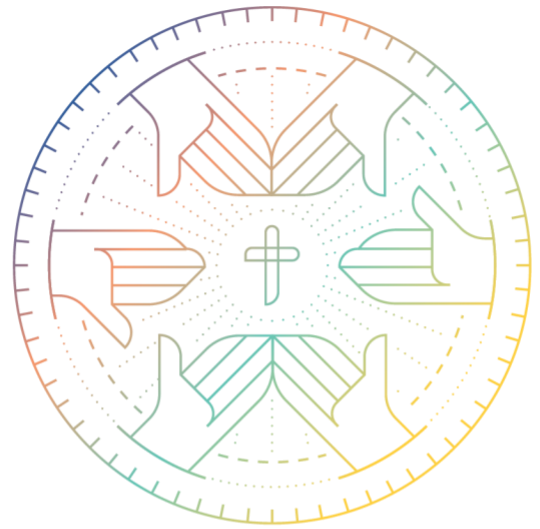
What's one idea from the message that I can use to encourage someone I know who is going through a season of suffering?

**Read Romans 8:31.** How does Paul's statement to the Roman believers apply to our lives today?

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## DAILY THIS WEEK

Who do you know who is suffering today? Pray specifically for that person today, incorporating the ideas from David's message into your prayers.

Think through your defense of the hope you have in Jesus. Practice explaining your hope in Jesus as you would to a friend who asks.

Examine your own conscience today. Is it clean (washed by God's forgiveness)? As you go through the day, be sure to confess your sins and failures, keeping a good conscience before God.

## PRAYER

*Our Savior and Lord Jesus, thank you that you give us your perspective on suffering. Our seasons of pain are only temporary because you will not allow us to be tried beyond our ability to respond well.*

*Strengthen our faith when we are tried and help us to encourage those around us who are suffering. Give us steadfast hope as we live our lives through You. Amen.*