

Hillcrest Life Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 4, 2020



How Can Anyone Believe There's a
Loving God in a World of So Much
Suffering?

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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Get to Know You

In your opinion, is the glass half full or half empty?

Study the Book

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

There are a series of couplets in verses 8 and 9:

What descriptors do we find in the first half of each set?

How does life seem with these descriptors?

What descriptors are included in the second half of the couplets?

Is there any encouragement in this second set of descriptors?

How did the problem of pain and suffering lead C.S. Lewis to belief in God?

Pastor Tom said that the Biblical story has three acts.
Name and summarize the three acts:

C_____

C_____

C_____

What elements from the Christian story...

Remind us that God loves us?

Convince us there is a purpose?

Assure us that God wins the war?

Group Application and Discussion

In what ways do the following truths help us deal with pain and suffering?

God loves us.

There is a purpose.

God wins the war.

Personal Reflection and Application

What personal pain or suffering are you experiencing that may cause you to question God's goodness?

What truths encouraged you today?