



Week 3 - November 15 or 19

Remind: Romans 12:9-21 set this up and remind them of how your group rewrote this passage.

Have you ever heard the question “why do bad things happen to good people?” What are your thoughts when you hear that question?

When suffering or disaster occurs, which direction are you tempted to move? To pretend everything is fine and ignore the situation? Or to be cynical about it that bad things always happen and it's stupid. Or do you find yourself with a healthier perspective?

How do you feel about being completely honest with God - even in a very raw way - about your struggles related to suffering and evil?

What does God think when we approach him with this kind of honesty?

Read Isaiah 53:3

The fact that Jesus did not keep a distance from suffering but became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief - does this help you deal with suffering, does it frustrate and bewilder you, or some combo of the two? Explain.

Next Step: What struggle or suffering do you need to talk to Jesus about?