

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 21, 2021

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to “break the ice” and get people talking)

- Would you rather be an average person in the present or a king of a large country 2500 years ago?
- As a child, what was something you went through that seemed like “the end of the world,” but, in reality, was not a big deal?
- Pastor Prater said that there are three basic problems that are common to all of us: sickness, sorrow, and suffering. Of these three, which have you dealt with most in your life?
- “We don’t have to get over it. We can’t get over it. God doesn’t require us to get over it.” Read I Corinthians 12:7-10 and talk about how these statements line up with these verses.
- How does believing Isaiah 55:8-11 impact our response to trials? How does NOT believing it impact our response to trials?
- Some people fight the pain of loss by denying it, some try to drown it by indulging in appetites, and some resist it by venting anger. What are other unhealthy ways that you’ve seen people respond to pain? Which of these is the biggest temptation for you?
- Read Psalm 13:1-2 and Habakkuk 1:1-4 and talk about what it looks like to take our emotions to the Lord in prayer. How can this be good? How can “giving God the silent treatment” be bad?
- Which of these truths do you find most difficult? “Receive help from others. Resist bitterness. Accept what cannot be changed. Focus on what is left, not what is lost.”
- What is your “takeaway” from our discussion and Sunday’s messages?
- Take some time to pray together.

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