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PAIN AND SUFFERING: AN OUTLINE FOR GROUP STUDY

Resources:

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Brand, Paul, and Philip Yancey. *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*. Zondervan, 1980.

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Tournier, P. *Creative Suffering*. London, 1982.

Van de Beek, A. *Why? On Suffering, Guilt, and God*. Trans. J. Vriend. Eerdmans, 1990.

Walsh, James, and P. G. Walsh, eds. *Divine Providence and Human Suffering*. Vol. 17, Message of the Fathers of the Church. Edited by T. Halton. Michael Galzier, 1985.

Westberg, Granger E. *Good Grief*. Fortress, 1971.

Yancey, Philip. *Where Is God When It Hurts*. Revised edition. Zondervan, 1990.

Topics:

1. *Psalms of Suffering*

*Brueggemann, Walter. *The Message of the Psalms*. Augsburg, 1984.

**Psalms of Suffering*. Liturgical Press, 1991.

Nights of Aloneness with God (Psalms 6, 17, 35, 38, 39)

God Heals the Broken Hearted and Bandages Their Wounds (Psalms 44, 64, 74, 88)

I Want to Sing to God, My Liberator (Psalms 85, 142, 56, 59)

Cast Your Concerns on God Who Will Support You (Psalms 15, 129, 62, 137, 141)

2. *Suffering as Personal Experience*

*Becton, Randy. *Does God Care When We Suffer?* Baker, 1988.

*Eareckson, Joni. *Joni*. Zondervan, 1976.

*Kohner, Nancy, and Alix Henley. *When A Baby Dies: The Experience of Late Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Neonatal Death*. Stillbirth and Neonatal Society (SANDS). Pandora, 1991.

*Sutherland, John R. *Going Broke*. Herald, 1991. Pages 12-13.

*Yancey, Philip. *Where Is God When It Hurts*. Revised edition. Zondervan, 1990. Part Three.

3. *Questions of Suffering*

*Simundson, Daniel J. *Where Is God in My Suffering?* Augsburg, 1983.

Do I Deserve This? (Exodus 34:6-7; John 9:1-7)

My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Psalm 22)

Can Any Good Come From This? (Genesis 50:15-21)

Why Do My Friends Condemn Me? (Job 6:14-27)

Why Doesn't God Do Something? (Genesis 6:5-8)

Whose Fault Is It? (Romans 8:31-39)

Is There Any Hope? (1 Corinthians 15:12-26)

4. *The Classic Construct*

*Lewis, C. S. *The Problem of Pain*. Macmillan, 1943. Chapters Two and Three.

*Myers, Edward P. *The Problem of Evil and Suffering*. Howard Book House, 1978. Pages 54, 55, 56, 62ff.

*Plantinga, Alvin C. *God, Freedom, and Evil*. Eerdmans, 1974. Pages 9-11.

The Nature Of God

Different Types Of Evil

5. *Suffering as Necessary*

*Yancey. Part One.

6. *The Role of Pain*

*Brand, Paul, and Philip Yancey. *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*. Zondervan, 1980.

*Lewis. Chapters Six & Seven.

*Yancey. Part Two.

7. *Human Freedom and Human Community*

*Lewis. Chapter Four.

*Meyer, Art, and Jocele Meyer. *Earthkeepers*. Herald, 1991.

*Oden, Thomas. *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry*. Harper & Row, 1983. Pages 234-236.

*Sutherland. Chapters Five and Six.

*Van de Beek, A. *Why? On Suffering, Guilt, and God*. Trans. J. Vriend. Eerdmans, 1990. Sections Twelve and Thirteen.

8. *Retributive Justice*

*Beker, J. Christiaan. *Suffering and Hope*. Fortress, 1987.

*Lewis. Chapter Five.

*Van de Beek. Sections Eight and Nine.

9. *Innocent Suffering*

- *Becton. Chapter Three.
- *Simundson. Questions.
- *Van de Beek. Section Thirteen.

Habukkuk

Psalms

10. *The Experience of Job*

- *Becton. Chapter Four.

11. *Futility Versus Submission*

- *Soelle, Dorothee. *Suffering*. Trans. E. R. Kalin. Fortress, 1975.

12. *Mystery and Meaning*

- *Liderbach, Daniel. *Why Do We Suffer?* Paulist, 1992.
- *Oden. Chapter Fifteen.
- *Van de Beek. Section Seven.

13. *Responses to Suffering*

- *Beker.
- *Yancey. Parts Three and Four.

14. *Suffering and Hope*

- *Beker.
- *Yancey. Part Four.

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15. *God's Vindication*

*Beker.

*Lewis. Chapter Eight.

The Apostle Paul

16. *God's New Order*

*Beker.

*Lewis. Chapter Ten.

*Van de Beek. Section Twenty-Three.

*Yancey. Part Five.

Isaiah

Peter

Revelation

17. *Patient Endurance*

*Van de Beek. Sections Eleven, Twenty, Twenty-One.

18. *Testing and Discipline*

*Talbert, Charles H. *Learning through Suffering: The Educational Value of Suffering in the New Testament and in Its Milieu.* Michael Glazier, 1991.

Character Building

Community Building

19. *God's Solidarity*

*Becton. Chapter Six.

*Stott, John R. W. *The Cross of Christ*. InterVarsity, 1986. Chapter Thirteen.

*Van de Beek. Sections Nineteen and Twenty-Two.

The Cross Of Jesus

20. *Formation and Transformation*

*Batchelor, Mary. *A Way with Pain*. Lion Books, 1990.

*Bauman, Harold. *Living through Grief*. Lion Books, 1978.

*Becton. Chapter Seven.

*Swindoll, Chuck. *For Those Who Hurt*. Multnomah, 1977.

*Tournier, P. *Creative Suffering*. London, 1982.

*Van de Beek. Sections Sixteen and Eighteen.

*Westberg, Granger E. *Good Grief*. Fortress, 1971.

21. *Experiential Understanding*

Vicarious Suffering

Redemptive Suffering

Tragic Suffering

Hopeful Suffering