



EXPLORE GOD TEACHING GUIDE — WEEK 3 —



MAIN SCRIPTURES:

Romans 5:12
Isaiah 43:1-2

MAIN POINTS:

- (1) Suffering is a consequence of sin in the world.
- (2) We are not alone in our suffering.

JESUS CONNECTION:

Jesus chose to go through brutal pain and suffering because He knew He was the only one who could rescue us from our sin.

**THIS GUIDE IS FORMATTED TO HELP YOU INTRODUCE
AND REFLECT ON THE TEACHING VIDEOS.**

INTRODUCTION:

- **Series Overview:** We've all had questions about life and God: Is there a God? How can we know Him? Why does God allow pain and suffering? The answers to these questions really drive the purpose and direction of our lives, yet sometimes it's hard to know how to get these answers. Don't be intimidated if you don't have the answers - that's what we want to explore together!
- **Tonight's** question is a controversial one: "Why does God allow pain and suffering?"
- We are going to watch a video and discuss it together. I really encourage you all to pay attention and feel free to be real and share your thoughts as we process the video together after.

[WATCH THE VIDEO \(12 MIN\)](#)

WRAP IT UP

- We are going to process this video together in small group. Before we do, I just want to say that there might be some of us who will disagree with others – and that is fine. We want this to be an honest, safe space for each of us to be real and expression our opinions.
- Our main points today are: (1) Suffering is a consequence of sin in the world.
(2) We are not alone in our suffering.
- Here at Hope we believe: Jesus chose to go through brutal pain and suffering because He knew He was the only one who could rescue us from our sin.
- But we want to talk about this more, so I'm going to pray for us and we are going to transition into small group discussion time.
- Close in prayer: God, please be with us as we talk about and wrestle with tough and controversial questions. We love you, thank you for loving us and being with us. Amen.