

Suffering for the Sake of Others
Revelation 6

Sermon Discussion Questions
November 22, 2020

Special Note: In light of Revelation 1:3, please read the passage for this week's study questions aloud as a group before going through the questions.

1. Share with the group your theology or belief on suffering. Do you view suffering as a hinderance to life, or as serving a greater purpose in the life you live in Christ?
2. As a group, **read 1 Chronicles 21:1-14**. Pastor Jim mentioned in his introduction the sin of David that caused a plague and others to suffer. What did David do that caused Israel to suffer?

Can you think of a personal or cultural example that shares the same idea of individuals being asked to suffer because of someone else? (This may not be a situation such as death, but other means of suffering.)

3. As a group, **read Acts 7:54-8:3**. How does this verse relate back to seal #2 and #5 in Revelation 6:3-4; 9-11?
4. The fifth seal that Jesus opens helps us make sense of why God would let the first four seals cause so much harm to Christians. It is because He is using this time for evangelism as non-Christians are being warned while still given a chance to repent. Do you view the current suffering in which you're experiencing as an evangelistic opportunity for non-believers? What are some ways where our suffering could be a hinderance over an evangelistic opportunity?
5. Choose two group members to read aloud Colossians 1:24 and 1 Peter 2:20-23. From these passages and from Pastor Jim's sermon, what are some of the encouraging words God gives us when we find ourselves in the midst of painful suffering?
6. Spend time sharing how you are suffering currently and afterwards, spend some time encouraging one another in the midst of the suffering you may be enduring. Finish your time together by praying for one another.