

# MESSAGE NOTES

Series: You Asked For It

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# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## OPENING DISCUSSION \_\_\_\_\_

1. When you experience or witness suffering—whether personal or global—what questions about God naturally come to mind?
2. Can you think of a time in your life when something painful eventually led to something good? What did you learn from it?
3. Why do you think the question, “Why does God allow suffering?” is such a powerful and personal question for people?

## BIBLICAL REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you think suffering is one of the most difficult topics for people to reconcile with the idea of a loving and powerful God?
2. Read **James 1:2-4** Why does God ask us to view trials as opportunities for joy? What might He be developing in us through them?
3. Take a moment and reflect on **Romans 5:3-5**. How have you personally seen suffering produce endurance, character, or hope in your life?

4. **Psalm 23:4** and **Psalm 34:18** both speak about the presence of God in times of difficulty. What do these verses teach us about God's presence in the middle of suffering? Have you ever experienced that personally?
  
5. **Revelation 21:4** gives a picture of a future with no more suffering. How does this hope affect the way you live and endure hard seasons now?

## PERSONAL APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is there someone in your life who is suffering right now? What's one way you can be a source of comfort and hope to them this week?
  
2. What's one truth or verse from today's discussion that you want to hold onto the next time you experience pain?
  
3. How can you remind yourself that God never wastes suffering—but often uses it to refine, grow, or guide us?

## PRAYER REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_