

Family Group Midweek Lessons

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It's All About Perspective

This Family Group Bible-Talk is intended to supplement the September 22nd sermon at the MSPCOC. Although having attended or listened to that lesson is helpful, it is not required to take part in the following discussion.

Opening Questions:

- Recently, a person posting on Facebook wrote, "when it seems like your life stinks, you just need to put things in perspective."
- *What do you think the poster meant by that?*
- *What are ways that you put your life in perspective when things seem really rough?*
- *When things are tough for you specifically spiritually speaking, how do you put things in perspective?*

Read: Hebrews 2:9

Group Questions:

- *How does verse 9 help bring perspective to the struggles that we might have?*
- *Why is it so important to think often about Jesus' sacrifice for us?*

Read: Hebrews 2:10

Group Questions:

- *Does it sound strange to think of Jesus being made perfect? What do you think that means?*
- A little perspective here might help. The author is not trying to establish Jesus' divinity but is speaking of his humanity.
- It's impossible to perfect deity but the pioneer of our salvation was brought completeness (perfected) in his humanity through the same type of sufferings that we will struggle with (and much worse actually)
- *Why is it important to know that the pioneer or "trailblazer" of our faith suffered and that we will too in order to become complete?*
- *According to James 1:2-3 what is the purpose of our life trials?*

Suffering for Our Identity

Read: Hebrews 2:11-14

Group Questions:

- Jesus suffered so that we could be identified with him
- When we go through trials we share something in common with our savior
- Have someone read 2 Corinthians 11:23-30: 12:8-10
- *How does Paul change the perspective of suffering and trials with these passages?*

Suffering for Our Freedom

Read: Hebrews 2:14-16

Group Questions:

- Jesus suffered so that we could be freed from sin
- When we suffer for God's will it brings freedom. Jesus demonstrated that and Colossians 1:24 demonstrates that the same principle is true for us
- *Can you share a time when you sacrificed (suffered) for the spiritual benefit of someone else? What was the result?*
- *How does it make you feel that the path that Jesus pioneered for us cuts right through sacrifice and suffering?*

Suffering for Our Failure

Read: Hebrews 2:17

Group Questions:

- Jesus suffered so that we could be freed from our failings
- *What area of your life do you feel that Jesus has restored the most and that you are the most grateful for?*

Suffering for Our Temptation

Read: Hebrews 2:18

Group Questions:

- Jesus suffered so that we could be freed from temptation
- Jesus knows what it is like to be tempted and has a sympathetic ear
- If we turn to him he will give us a way out from under temptation
- *What are some of the ways that Jesus uses to protect us and get us out from under temptation?*

Final Thought:

- Jesus suffered greatly for our freedom from sin. What specific thing can you do this week to show your gratitude for that?



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