

This Week's Connection Group Notes
fccphx—Sunday, May 24, 2020
Where Is God When Life Gets Tough?
God's Purpose in Suffering #3:
Prevent Conceit in Us & Make Us Strong

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How is God's Story changing your life?
How/Who did you serve this week?

Worship- Focus on the Lord. Sing, Praise, Give Thanks. Prepare to hear from God. Read: Romans 12:3, 9-16

Word- Read/Tell/Discuss: **God's Purpose in Suffering #3:**
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- What is God looking for in us, from us, when we face suffering? (1 Peter 5:5-11)
- Share a personal experience of when God humbled you and strengthened you through suffering.

BIG Idea:

Bad News: Suffering is part of the deal! It's the only way to prevent conceit in us.

Good News: God uses suffering to make us humble and dependent on him for our strength.

God's purpose in our suffering is always something good!

Serve/Pray- (1) Plan your next service project. How will you follow up on those you serve? (2) Divide, men with men & women with women, share a personal need, pray for each other by name.

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