



Adversity: Is It Something I Did? | August 3, 2016

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

As humans we like to know why, but sometimes we end up asking the wrong questions.

Key Verse

Romans 8:28 (MSG)

That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

Discussion

When you ask people about the difficulties in their lives most of them can honestly reflect back and admit that they are better for them. However, most of us can not see that in the midst of such difficulties.

1. What are some examples of people in this world that have turned their difficulties into positives?
2. Looking back, what is one difficulty you faced that you know shaped you in a positive way?

We typically like to know why things happen...it's human nature. The unknown is scary and we like to have control. Knowing why allows us to think we have some sort of control over the issue.

3. For what difficulties and tragedies in this world do you typically want to know the why?

The disciples are just like you and I. They ask Jesus why a blind man was blind. They wanted to know what he or his parents had done to cause this. Jesus responds telling them that they are asking the wrong the question. Instead we should be looking to Romans 8:28. Instead of looking for a why, we should look at how difficulties can point toward God.

4. What is one difficulty in your life that you can see what God has done through it?

What's Next?

In the story of the disciples asking Jesus about the blind man, Jesus tells them that the right question is figuring out how to work things for the glory of God. This week consider your life's greatest difficulties and look for places He has worked or is working. Consider how your response to the situations in your life will point to God. Adversity allows us the opportunity to point to God based on how we react and live through such difficulties.