Discussion Questions

Week of February 5 &12 , 2017

1. Read James 5:13. What suffering are you experiencing right now in your life?
2. How are you responding to this suffering?
3. How has this suffering caused you think about God? Yourself? Others? Life?
4. Why is prayer an appropriate and necessary response to suffering?
5. When you pray, what do you pray for?
6. Read the following verses. How do they teach us what to pray for in our suffering?
   1. Philippians 4:10-13
   2. 2 Corinthians 1:3-11
   3. Colossians 1:9-11
   4. James 1:5
   5. James 5:7-11
   6. James 1:2-4
   7. 1 Peter 5:5
   8. 2 Peter 3:9
   9. Matthew 6:9-13
7. Do you view God as a loving father who delights to give good things to his children, or as a stingy miser who has to be forced or coerced to give good things to his children? Why do you think you view God the way you do? How does your view of God affect your view of your suffering? How does it affect your view of life?
8. Read Luke 11:1-13 and Hebrews 4:14-16. How do these verses give you confidence to approach God in your suffering?
9. In what ways might you need to change your perspective in order to bring glory to God in your suffering?
10. What have you learned or gained from going through this suffering?
11. How can you help others who are going through suffering right now? (See 2 Corinthians 1:3-11)
12. What scripture verses will you memorize and meditate on to strengthen and encourage you in your suffering?