

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## WHATEVER YOU DO WEEK 2

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **[southeastchristian.org](http://southeastchristian.org)** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What kind of person are you when it comes to seasoning your food? Do you like a lot? A little? None at all? What are some of your favorite/least favorite seasonings? How do some people today take a “seasoning” approach to spirituality? Why is this type of spirituality so popular with so many?

Read Colossians 1:24-29. What does Paul say about his own sufferings? Why were his sufferings worth it to him? When you think about Paul writing these words about suffering as he sits in prison, how does that make you feel? What confidence does it give you to know that Paul knows exactly what he’s talking about?

Kyle talked about the idea that suffering makes us ask “Why?” – either looking to the past for a reason or looking to the future for purpose. When you suffer, are you more likely to look for the reason or look for the purpose? When look back at times of difficulty, is it easy for you to see the purpose? Why or why not?

In what ways do our struggles reveal areas of weakness we didn’t see before? How do they alert us to some of the weak spots in our own hearts? Read Colossians 2:6-7. How do our sufferings allow Jesus to strengthen those areas? How can God use our difficulties to build endurance and resiliency in us?

Read Colossians 2:8. Our difficulties have a way of distracting us and getting us to soothe ourselves with things we would have never considered before? What are some of the false sources of relief people turn to in times of trouble? What are some of the things we try to “add” to Jesus in order to help us get through these times?

As you close your time together, read Colossians 2:13-15. How does Paul describe Jesus’ victory in these verses? What are some of the pictures he uses to remind us how thoroughly Jesus has won? How does this give us assurance in our sufferings? Pray God would fill you all with that assurance this week.