

Why We Suffer So

PSALM 22

Jesus _____.

Psalms 31:5; 69:21; Matthew 27:35, 39-43, 46; John 19:24; Hebrews 2:12

To _____, we must
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John 12:26; Romans 8:28-29; Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 2:21

When you suffer, _____.

Psalms 22:1-2, 11, 19-21, 24; Luke 18:1-8

Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever suffered so painfully that you felt you could relate to the sufferings of Jesus? If so, when?
2. Read Psalm 22 and Matthew 27:35-46. Do you think David was writing about his own suffering or the suffering of Jesus, or both? Why? If the answer is *both*, what are the implications for your life?
3. Read Romans 8:28-29, 1 Peter 2:21, John 12:26 and Philippians 3:10. What have you gone through that in some small measure matched what Jesus experienced? How did that suffering make you more like Him?
4. Read Luke 18:1-8. When have you persisted in prayer despite God's seeming disinterest? How did He finally answer that prayer? What were the results in your life and in the lives of others?
5. What are the implications of the fact that many of the Psalms and other Old Testament passages predicted the details of Christ's life, death and resurrection? How does that fact affect your view of the Bible?