

### Starter Questions

1. What is one of your favorite things to look at in creation (other than a person)? Describe the view for us.
2. Can you recall a time where God helped you understand a spiritual truth that you did not previously understand? Something like a spiritual “aha!” moment. Tell us what this truth is and describe how the Holy Spirit helped you understand it.

### SEEING THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST’S SUFFERING GIVES US HOPE (18:31-34)

1. Read together: Genesis 3:15; Genesis 22:7-8; Psalm 22:1, 16-18; Isaiah 53:4-6; Isaiah 61:1 Zechariah 9:9; 12:10 How do passages like these increase your understanding of the gospel and how do they help increase your hope?
2. What are some of the ways the brokenness of this world is impacting your life right now? How do Christ’s sufferings help you have hope in the midst of your sufferings?
3. How have you seen God working in the midst of the Coronavirus situation? How does His redemption of the cross give you hope that He will be able to use even this for the good of those who love Him?

### SEEING CHRIST IN OUR SUFFERING GIVES US HOPE (18:35-43)

1. Is there anything in your life that makes it difficult for you to believe that Jesus is who He says He is? What are some obstacles that hinder you from crying out to Him in faith?
2. When you cry out to Jesus in prayer, what are some of the things you typically ask Him for? How have His answers to your prayers helped you follow Him?

### TAKE A STEP

Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-6. The disciples were blind to spiritual truths even though the author of the Scriptures was their personal tutor! Yet the blind beggar could see that Jesus was the Messiah. Therefore, education and intellect cannot contribute anything to spiritual understanding apart from the grace of God. So pray to the God who can create the sun by merely speaking a Word and ask Him to shine the light of spiritual understanding into your heart, that you may be transformed day by day from one degree of glory to another.