

CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE: Future Glory.

1. **Isaiah 53:3 – 12** **1 Peter 4:12-19** **Philippians 1:29** **Luke 14:27**
2 Timothy 3:12

Jesus was a man of sorrow and familiar with suffering. Why do you think that believers at times find it difficult or uncomfortable to acknowledge the suffering they [or others] are going through?

2. **Romans 8: 17 - 18** **2 Corinthians 4: 17** **2 Timothy 2:12** **James 1:12**
2 Timothy 2:3-4 **1 Peter 1:6-7**

What exactly is this glory that Paul is talking about that is to be revealed and how then does considering suffering as Paul puts it relate to a revelation of glory?

3. **Romans 8:28-29** **Philippians 3:8 – 11** **Hebrews 12:2** **Romans**
6:4 Hosea 5:15 – 6:3 **1 Peter 2:19-21** **1 Peter 5:10**

What hope does the resurrection of Christ and His position seated at the right hand of the throne of God give us as we walk through moments or seasons of suffering?

4. **Romans 8: 28** **Hebrews 11:35-40** **Luke 9:23-25** **James 1:2-4**

Not all suffering is of the same level but Paul declares that God works all things out for the good of those who love God. Share some examples of how God has used something you suffered to bring about a positive outcome.

5. **Romans 8:35-39** **2 Corinthians 1:3-7** **John 9:1-3** **Psalms 73:26**
Mark 13:13 **2Thess 1: 1-12** **Isaiah 43:2** **Revelation 21:4**
Romans 5:3-5

It can be difficult to reconcile God's love with the fact that God would allow suffering, especially in the lives of believers or innocent/ vulnerable people. How do these [and similar] scriptures help encourage people who are struggling to make sense of their suffering?