



Lean In...to Struggle and Suffering

Pastor John continued in the sermon series “Lean In” this past Sunday and addressed the topic of struggle and suffering. All of us face real life issues that are difficult and cause us to struggle and even suffer. We’ll pick this theme up in lifegroup this week and explore how we can face the various issues in our lives.

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: What’s something that has been difficult for you this past week?
- Accountability Question: How have we put into practice what God spoke to us about last time?
- Sharing praise reports and prayer requests.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY: James 1:2-8

2 My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; 4 and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. 6 But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; 7, 8 for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Discussion Questions:

- What strikes me from this text and why?
- What do I learn about God?
- What do I learn about people or myself?
- What trials am I facing in life right now?
- How might God want to use these trials for my good?
- How can we pray for each other over the trials we face?