

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

GETTING TO KNOW ME

In general, would you say that the trials in your life have pushed you away from God or drawn you closer to Him?

Why do you think some people increase in their faith when facing trials, while others grow bitter, cynical and angry?

INTO THE BIBLE

What sticks out to you most about the book of Lamentations?

Theologically speaking, what might be the sources of affliction in this life?

Is it really God Himself who allows tragedy, trials and testing?

- Pro. 17:3, Job 1:6-12, Heb. 12:5-7

Why would God allow us to go through suffering?

- Jam. 1:12, 1 Pet. 1:6-7, 1Pet. 2:21

How can we endure trials in a godly way?

- Jam. 1:5-6; 1:2-4, Rom. 5:3-4; Rom 8:18; Rev. 2:10; 1 Pet. 4:12-14

APPLICATION

How can a biblical perspective on trials and suffering help us to witness and minister to those who do not know the Lord?

Take a piece of paper or card stock small enough to fit in your wallet, and write on it at least 5 thoughts about suffering along with some helpful scriptures and keep it with you at all times. When trials come and confusion sets in, it will be a great tool!