

This Is Us

Sister Wives

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Ice Breaker

- **Icebreaker:** Growing up, were you ever compared to another family member or someone in your friend circle? What was that experience like?
- **High's & Lows:** What was the high point of the past week? The low point?

Key Questions

- What's one idea from Sunday's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- *"Temporary pain produces and everlasting glory."* Whenever suffering enters our lives, God prepackages it for the opportunity to reveal His glory. In a world that says there is no purpose in pain we believe God's grace gives pain a purpose. How does this change your perspective on pain? How can God use suffering in your life as a "good thing"? How has God used suffering in your life to produce meaning in the mess?
- *"Praise Him in the pain."* Pain makes us lose focus. What does it look like to praise God in your life right now? If God never did another good thing for you, would the cross be enough reason to worship?

Optional Questions – *If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.*

- Read Romans 8:16-18 aloud. This teaches us about the connection between suffering and glory. Do you find it difficult to believe that the glory awaits us is really greater than any suffering in this life? Why?
- Read John 9:1-3 aloud. In this passage the disciples wanted to know "why" the blind man was suffering. They were looking for something to blame. Jesus corrected their thinking and instead taught them to fix their focus on what God was doing right now to reveal His glory. Why is it more helpful to look for what God is doing now than trying to place blame for our pain?
- Read Romans 8:28 aloud. If asked by a friend, how would you describe the meaning of being "called according to God's purpose"?
- Ps Blake shared, "Sometimes we need unanswered questions as much as we need answers." Why do you think God has chosen to let us live in a world with so many unanswered questions? How does this produce spiritual growth?

Announcement: This Sunday is Child Dedications and week 3 of "This Is Us"! We will be discussing how God redeems our pain for a higher purpose!