

Pain = Gain

Paul, Acts 9:16, 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, 2 Corinthians 12:7

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Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - What is something you are most thankful for from this past year?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. Looking at your sermon notes in the app or on the program, what stands out to your most from Sunday's message?
3. **Drew shared that “suffering is part of following Jesus.”**
 - Why might that be the case?
 - In what ways has following Jesus caused hardship for you?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app.

4. Read Acts 9:15-16 and 2 Corinthians 11:23-28.
 - What stands out to you from these 2 passages?
 - How might these passages help us endure our own suffering?
5. Read Romans 5:3-5.
 - Paul encourages us to “glory in our sufferings.” How is that possible?
 - Who is an example of someone you've seen do that well?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.
 - According to Paul in these verses, how does our suffering help our faith?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

7. What struggle is God using to teach you to depend on Him?

GROWTH GOALS

8. In prayer time ask each other how you are progressing on your growth goals.