

Getting Started

1. What makes up a good day for you?
2. What do most people suffer through that doesn't seem to bother you at all?
3. Why is it so difficult to change our outlook on something?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 16:

Q. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

A. God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin;¹ but a sinful human could never pay for others.²

¹ Rom. 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16 ² Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:18

Why was it necessary that Jesus become human?

6. Read Matthew 5:11-12, 44. Is suffering really a blessing? How are we to respond to those who persecute us?
7. Read Acts 7:54-60. How does Stephen respond to his persecution?
8. Read Psalm 34. Is this the basis for this section of Peter's letter?

Application

9. Nobody wants to suffer, but it is a part of life. How we respond to suffering shows our character. As Christians, we are to suffer as Christ suffered and to live as Christ lived. As you endure suffering, trust in God and bless others in his name.

Bible Reading Questions

October 17 – Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9 – Does your faith in God waver? How could you help solidify your faith?

October 18 – John 6 – Jesus call himself the bread of life here and later living water. What does that mean?

October 19 – Matthew 15; Mark 7 – Jesus didn't come for the gentiles? Is that true?

October 20 – Matthew 16; Mark 8 – If the disciples know Jesus is the Christ, why are they struggling to understand all that he's doing?

October 21 – Matthew 17; Mark 9 – If Jesus came today would we recognize him or would we disregard him as well?

October 22 – Matthew 18 – There is a lot happening in this teaching from Jesus. What stands out to you? Why?

October 23 – John 7-8 – What do you think Jesus wrote in the sand?

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Common Problems

“A Good Day”

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8, 9

- **A life of blessing is filled with _____,**
 _____, _____, **a**
 _____, **and a** _____.

- **Our _____ for God can be a _____.**

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