

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

REFRAME: WEEK 2

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

What are some common struggles today? If you had to make a list of the top five struggles people face in our culture, what would you put on that list? Why do you think these issues are such a common struggle today? How have you seen them in your own life?

Read Philippians 1:12-26. What words would you use to describe Paul's tone/mood in this passage? Why do you think Paul was able to face his difficulties this way? Are these words you would use to describe your typical response to struggles? Why or why not?

In Philippians 1:12, Paul says that his struggles have served to advance the Gospel. Has there ever been a time in your life when you could see how God was using your difficulties in this way? What was that like? How did God use that struggle to advance the Gospel in your life? How did He use that struggle to advance the Gospel in the lives of the people around you?

Matt talked about the fact that our struggles can fuel other's faith. Is there someone whose example in suffering left an impact on you? How did the way they handled their struggles speak into your life? What lessons did you learn from their example?

In Romans 5:3-4, Paul writes that our struggles can produce "perseverance," "character," and "hope" in our lives. As you think about your own struggles, which of these outcomes resonates the most with you? Why? How have you seen God bring that trait into your life through suffering?

Philippians 1:21 contains Paul's great declaration, "To live is Christ and to die is gain." How do our struggles remind us of this truth? In what ways do they remind us of what's truly worth living for? In what ways do they point us towards our eternal hope?