



## Session One: Why is There Suffering in the World?

### INTRODUCTION

Christians have never believed in a God who doesn't allow bad things to happen to good people. Christians believe the worst possible thing happened to the best possible person.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Were you raised to assume there is a one-to-one correlation between bad behavior and suffering?
2. What is, or has been, your go-to explanation for why good people suffer?
3. Has suffering ever chipped away at your faith?
4. Read **John 9:1–5**. How does this account address the myth that *good things happen to good people, while bad things happen to sinners*?
5. Read **Hebrews 4:14–16**.
  - What stands out to you?
  - According to verse 14, why should we remain faithful during seasons of suffering? • According to verse 16, what can we expect from God during seasons of suffering?
6. If left unaddressed, what is currently happening in your life that has the potential to undermine your faith?

### Changing Your Mind

*God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.*

—C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*