



Start off with...

Connect with each other
in joy and concern

Conversation Guidelines

Discussion Questions

Closing Prayer



Questions to guide your discussion;
As time allows, welcome general
converation about the sermon

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- **Around the Circle:** A question to get everyone talking and involved
 - When someone asks you why suffering exist, what is your go to response?
 - **Select Few:** A question for a few group members to offer personal experience or vulnerable insights.
 - In your own world and in the world around you, where do you find the marks of suffering?
 - Describe a time or a place in life where you have found yourself rejoicing in the middle of your own suffering or in someone else's suffering?
 - In 1:25, Paul says his own suffering helped to make Jesus "fully known" to the Colossians. Share a story of suffering of your own or that you know of that helped make Jesus more fully known to others.
 - Psalm 139 tells us that God is with us in every space of life. How does knowing that God is present in our suffering, change our experience of suffering?
 - **Dig Deep:** A question that may/may not be answered in session, but should be encouraged for people to wrestle with all week.
 - Pastor Sam suggested that "when we behold the suffering of others, we have beheld the suffering of Christ." If this is true, who is suffering around you that bear Christ's image, and in need of your loving action?