

Luke 23:32-24:12 Suffering Christ

1) Intro: Suffering _____ require a strong foundation.

- What are the life waves that are crashing in on you right now?
- What is the foundation on which your life sits?

2) Foundational _____ of Good Friday and Easter.

a) We all have sin in our lives that keeps us from having a _____ with God.

b) Jesus suffered the _____ of God to pay the price of our sin.

c) If we put our _____ in Christ, we can be saved.

- How aware are you of your own sin?
- Do you believe that faith in Christ is the only way that you can be saved?
- What is keeping you from putting your trust in him?

3) Comforts that Good Friday and Easter bring to suffers.

a) Christ has experienced extreme _____ suffering. He can relate to our suffering.

- 1) _____ suffering creates a powerful bond with others.
 - 2) Christ has suffered all forms of human suffering. We can create a powerful _____ with Christ via our _____ suffering.
- Do believe that suffering will destroy your relationship with God or draw you closer to Christ?
 - When you suffer, how often do you strive to find ways to connect it to Christ's suffering?

b) God is not _____ to our suffering. Rather, he reaches out and extends _____ to help us endure our suffering.

1) Christ showed this compassion in the _____ of the crucifixion.

2) Other passages speak of God _____ compassion in the midst of our suffering. (Rom 8:26,27 & 2 Cor 1:5)

- When you suffer, how do you view God's interaction with you?
- When you are struggling, do you think God is pulling away or do you see him reaching out to you and extending his compassion?

c) God used Christ's suffering for our ultimate good. He can use our _____ in the same way.

1) God has a purpose for Christ's suffering even when things were _____ to the people around it.

2) The Bible assures us that God works the same way in our life. God has a _____ for our trials even we don't see or _____ them. (Rom 8:28)

- When you suffer, do you view God as a crook out to harm you or a surgeon who only inflicts pain to bring about your good?
- Do you believe that God can have a higher purpose for you pain and suffering?