LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

SUFFERING

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Remember: The *why* is more important than the *what*.
Connecting with God and others and really living out these ideas is more important than reading every single passage and answering every single question.

Work (cause and effect) is a good thing.

Share at least one great, positive example of good, hard work paying off in any area of your life—especially your relationships with God and others.
Genesis 1-2, Proverbs 31:27, Galatians 6:7-9, Hebrews 12:10-11

Satan and sin are behind all true suffering.

Share one way your sins—or someone else's—have produced suffering.
Share one way your life feels like a war zone right now.
Genesis 3, Romans 1:21-32, Job 1, Romans 8:28,
Ephesians 6:10-18, 2 Timothy 2:3-5

Choose to avoid Stockholm Syndrome.

Share one way you have gotten trapped by a sin or a sinful relationship.
Share one way God has provided a way out of temptation or a sin cycle.
Share one cycle you are struggling to break free from, right now.
Esther 8:6, 1 Corinthians 10:13, John 10:10, Psalm 23
1 Chronicles 16:34

Choose to embrace the Stockdale Paradox.

Share one thing that helps you hold on to your faith in hard times.
Share one really hard reality that you still struggle to face.
Pray with your group for strength, courage, tenacity, and success.
Hebrews 12, James 1:2-4 & 5:11, 2 Timothy 1:7, Matthew 5:10
John 15 & 16:33, Job 2:13, 6:8-10, 7:1-2, 38:1 & 39;26
Isaiah 40:28-31

Lord, I will…