



Ambassadors: Suffering Well

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WARM UP

1. What was your greatest hardship growing up?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

DIG IN

3. Read II Corinthians 4:1-12. Why is Paul convinced that God can use normal people who suffer?
4. Why is it tempting to downgrade or distort the message of Jesus? What kind of situations would temp believers to minimize who Jesus, what he said/did, or what he plans for the world?
5. How do you feel after hearing about Mother Theresa's 50-year period of spiritual darkness? Why do you think God allowed her to struggle in that way, and how that dark journey provide hope to others?
6. How does Jesus' death give dignity to our suffering? How would we view suffering if Jesus had only experience glory and fame?

DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)

7. Read Philippians 3:10. What could it mean to be like Jesus in his death? Why not just aim to be like Jesus in his resurrection?
8. Who will you be praying for as we prepare to invite people to celebrate Easter at Surprise? Have you invited anyone yet, using our Facebook event or handout cards? How did it go?



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Human view: "If you're suffering, something's _____."

Happily Ever After:

II Corinthians 4:1-12

Believing in Jesus isn't _____, but...

Distorting the message isn't an option when....

But how will they see _____ in me?

Mother Theresa's 50-year struggle...

When normal people...

Jesus death means that...

Easter at Surprise Church: Good Friday makes Easter _____ news?

Jesus death means that suffering isn't _____.

Theology of Glory vs. Theology of the Cross:

Philippians 3:10

What if sharing Jesus is showing people how to _____ well?