



Personal & Group Study Guide: March 13, 2022

Message Series: The Purpose of Pain: How Jesus Makes Sense of Our Suffering

Message Title: AGONY

Series Intro: Why does God allow unjust pain and suffering? Why do bad things happen to good people? Whether you're a believer or a skeptic, these questions are near to every hurting, human heart. Every Sunday between now and Easter (Apr 17), we'll explore these questions in search of God's Truth.

What are some big decisions that you have agonized over in your life?

What's the definition Pastor Kale uses for agony and what surprised you about it?

Read Luke 22:39-44. What are three things that surprised or stood out to you in this passage?

Why does agonizing with God strengthen our faith and trust in Him?

Read Genesis 32:28-29. Why does God bless Jacob and change his name? Why is this such a significant thread throughout the Bible?



How should you agonize with God?

In _____, **with** _____, **by** _____.

How can you change the posture of your prayers?

Who, in your life, can you be painfully specific with? Have you allowed people in your life to agonize with you? Reach out to someone you know going through an agonizing season, and let them know that you're with them and there for them.

How do you surrender your will to God's will?

What should you agonize over?

Why is it liberating to be able to agonize and be honest about our sin and be certain about our forgiveness? What happens when we forget one of these truths or the other?

Read Matthew 11:28-30. How does this passage comfort you about wrestling in agony with God?