

SMALL GROUP Q'S

This Moment Is Real ...

April 3, 2016

II Corinthians 4:6-12

- 1.) When you think of pain and suffering, what events or circumstances in your life come to mind ... both from the past and from the present?
- 2.) How does this passage free us to be honest about the reality of the difficulties we face? Why is this so important for us?
- 3.) Adam said that this passage does not encourage us to ask for suffering and pain but still to see it as a sanctifying grace. How have you seen that difficult tension work out in your life?
- 4.) Adam (in reference to Jeremy McCoy) referenced running to “insufficient structures” instead of God’s power – like taking refuge from a storm in a cardboard. What insufficient structures are you often tempted to run to?
- 5.) What do you learn from this passage that would benefit you in helping someone else who is struggling with pain and/or suffering? What things would NOT be helpful? What things would be helpful that are difficult for you to do?
- 6.) We all acknowledge that it’s easier to see and feel the reality of the pain and suffering than it is to see and feel the greater reality of God’s love and work in the midst of it. What things (Adam mentioned 4 specifically) help you “fight” to see the greater reality in the midst of your struggles?



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