



Icebreaker:

What was the best job you ever held?

Announcements:

We invite you to attend an Information meeting for our facility expansion on April 2 or 11. This will be similar to our presentations last year but with some new information.

Prayer Time:

Pray for our building project as renovations begin in our west wing and demolition begins soon in our east wing.

Study Questions:

When we have a problem or experience loss why is it so hard sometimes to share our struggle with others? What prevents us from honestly acknowledging our struggles and emotions and letting people into our world?

What stood out to you from the interview with Craig and Toni? How does God use other people's struggles to help us? How does God use our struggles to help others? See 2 Corinthians 1:3-7.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11. Why didn't Paul want the Corinthian believers to be "uninformed" as to his struggles? What emotions was Paul experiencing? How did he view his life (see v. 9a)? What are things that can happen to us that make us feel the sentence of death?

Feelings of hopelessness, anxiety, and anger are normal reactions to loss. When they persist over time, however, they are signs that we are not getting better- not working towards acceptance- and in danger. What prevented Paul from spiraling downward when he took an emotional pummeling?

How does God want us to respond spiritually when we face loss in our lives? How can we use the layoff from a job or the challenges of a bad job to grow spiritually? What- according to 1 Peter 3:8-17- is the high road Jesus wants us to take when we face job loss, a bad boss, or a toxic work environment?

Read 1 Peter 2:18-25. How is Jesus an example for us when we have to deal with a employer who is unfair, unkind or incompetent? Why is it so important to maintain our composure and testimony when we are tested? How does God make things right that are currently unfair? How can we be a light in our dark season?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...