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BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW 5

Section: Biblical Worldview

Unit: Accepting Suffering, Part 2 –
Waiting For Deliverance From Pain, unit 5 of 7

ASSIGNMENTS

- **TRUTH** – Listen to “I Can Rejoice in Suffering, Part 2” MP3.
- **EQUIPPING** – This week your JG should have memorized the 12 Minor Prophets. You should ask 1 or 2 people in your group to recite the whole Old Testament, or recite the whole New Testament again. Some in your JG may be ready to recite all 66 books of the Bible now. By now, you should have everyone in your group scheduled to recite them during future meetings.

Please recommend this optional reading assignment, *When God Weeps: Why our Sufferings Matter to the Almighty*, by Joni Eareckson Tada, who became a paraplegic following a diving accident. This book offers one of the best biblical treatments on suffering available today. It is available in the bookstore, and highly recommended.

- **MISSION** – Your JG should listen to the audio teaching resource on using the second *Life Issues* booklet found online.
- **MISSION** – This week your JG should have read the second *Life Issues* booklet. They should read both the introductory section, “Do Non-Christians Really Deserve Eternal Punishment?” and answer the questions in the margins of the chapters from the Gospel of John.

EXERCISES

- Review the memory verse of the week and talk about how it relates to the Truth section.
- Review the Pentateuch, Historical books, Poetic books, Major and Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.
- Include time for one or two JG members to recite all 66 books of the Bible.

DISCUSSIONS

- **TRUTH AND EQUIPPING** – This week your discussion on suffering should focus on the following points. You can open your discussion with the 4th equipping question.
 - In order to embrace the hope and promise of a future glory despite the hardships and temptations of the present world, you need to know that God loves you unconditionally and that only Christ can truly satisfy.
 - When Christ returns, believers and all of creation will be spiritually and physically set free from the futility and frustration brought by The Fall. (Romans 8:19-23)
 - The freedom and glory that Christians hope for at Christ's second coming are dependent on the suffering He endured in His first coming. (Romans 8:23)
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** – Allow time for smaller groups of 2 or 3 to ask accountability questions and pray for one another.
- **MISSION** – Continue the discussion of helping people investigate Christianity using the *Life Issues* booklets as a tool for making the gospel known. Discuss the question, "Do Non-Christians Really Deserve Eternal Punishment?" from the second *Life Issues* booklet.