

Small Groups

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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“STRONGER THAN THE STRUGGLE” - PART 3 – OCTOBER 20, 2024

AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Choose a few questions from the guide that will generate the most discussion in your group.

GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- What are some of your favorite fall activities?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have someone read Job 7:1 and Romans 5:12. Why is life so hard? Why do we suffer? Why does everything seem like it's a battle?
- What do you think is the significance of Romans 5:12 in the context of Paul's argument about sin and salvation? How does it relate to the broader themes of the book of Romans?
- In Job 7:1, Job speaks of the hardships of life. How does this verse reflect Job's understanding of suffering and the human condition?
- How does Romans 5:12 explain the theological concept of original sin? What implications does this have for our understanding of human nature?
- How does Job 7:1 help us understand the nature of suffering in a believer's life? How can we reconcile Job's lament with the hope found in the New Testament?
- Have you ever experienced a situation where you felt the weight of sin or suffering in your life? How did that shape your understanding of God's grace?
- Considering these passages, how can we better support one another in our struggles? What practical steps can we take as a group to help those suffering?
- How can we connect the themes of sin in Romans 5:12 with the theme of suffering in Job 7:1? What do these verses teach us about the human experience?
- What was the most significant thing you learned from Sunday morning's message?

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Larry & Melinda Henderson (Austin, Jake, & Olivia) – *Northern Europe*

Alexander & Kathryn Humphreys (Isabella & Gabriella) – *Japan*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 PM - VictoryLife classes, support groups, Royal Rangers, Girls Ministries, & VSC!

Wednesday, October 30, 6:00 PM - **Fall Festival**, North Campus -
Purchase your wristbands & Grill Bucks in the lobby, \$2