

## **MATTHEW: The Road Marked With Suffering – Matthew 16:24-25**

1. God does not \_\_\_\_\_ to take away our suffering.

- *John 15:13*      - *Matthew 26:39*  
- *Ephesians 1:4*    - *John 9:1-3*  
- *Habakkuk 1:2*    - *Luke 13:1-5*  
- *Psalm 22*

- So we need to learn to \_\_\_\_\_ where it is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ in our suffering.

- *Hebrews 12:2*      - *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*  
- *Philippians 2:7-8*    - *John 16:33*

- So we need to learn to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in the \_\_\_\_\_ that we are not \_\_\_\_\_.

3. God gives \_\_\_\_\_ to our suffering.

- *Romans 8:28*  
- *James 1:2-4*

- So we can learn to \_\_\_\_\_ for how God will \_\_\_\_\_ my suffering.

### **Questions to consider this week:**

1. What examples do we see in Scripture that shows us how to suffer “well”? How does this help us balance not minimizing grief and pain but also giving hope and encouragement?
2. How do platitudes become cliché? What is the danger of platitudes in the midst of suffering? How can we have a more robust theology around suffering?
3. Read Psalm 22. Many people think Jesus is abandoned by God at the cross. How does Psalm 22 (where Jesus quotes from) taken as a whole change our understanding of why Jesus cries out like this at the cross?