

The Problem of Pain (John 5:3)

If Jesus has the power to heal, why is there pain in my life/in this world?

“God would rather you cry out to Him with your doubts than walk away from Him with your pain.” – Craig Groeschel

The Prominence of Jesus (John 5:17-18, 36b-40)

Jesus addresses our *why* by reminding us *who* He is.

The Provision of Jesus (John 5:23-29; Revelation 21:4)

Jesus gives us a perspective that there is more to life than our current circumstances.

In Jesus, we have a Savior who took all the pain of humanity upon Himself so that one day, everything would be made new and every sad thing would be undone.

The promise of Jesus for those who follow Him is ultimate healing in eternity with Him.

“We enjoy God in the mountaintops, but we get to know Him intimately in the valleys.” – Craig Groeschel

The Predicament of Belief (John 5:39-47; 2 Corinthians 12:8-10)

Pain and suffering will test and reveal what we really believe and where our ultimate hope lies.

Notes from the Panel:

Questions for Reflection:

- Do I need healing in my life?
- Who is influencing how I approach that healing? (Whose voice am I listening to?)
- What is God teaching me in the season of waiting?

Pray: Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

How are you growing through this Lenten season? What is God showing you about yourself and about Him? How are you learning to surrender and draw strength from God?

Looking Up:

What about this sermon was helpful, challenging, confusing, etc.?

What stood out to you from any of the panel members' sharing?

Read Romans 5:1-5 and James 1:2-4. How do these verses interact with our passage in John 5 and this sermon? How have you experienced these to be true?

Think about the question that you deal with most when thinking about pain and the power of Jesus. What belief, expectation, or hope is beneath that question?

Is anyone going through a season of pain now? How can we pray for you right now?

Pray: Stop and pray for one another. Pray for others in your life who need healing of any kind.

Looking Forward:

What step of action can our life group take to care for someone going through a difficult season of pain and suffering right now?

March's Memory Verse & Spiritual Practice: See the Church App