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Core Seminars
Missions: Suffering

Week 5 – February 6, 2022

Introduction: Why study suffering in a missions class?

"If I had not felt certain that every additional trial was ordered by infinite love and mercy, I could not have survived my accumulated suffering."

-Adoniram Judson

I. Where does suffering come from?

a. The beginning and end of suffering Genesis // Revelation)

b. Is suffering normal for Christians?

   i. John 15:20

   ii. 1 Peter 4:1-12

c. What is God's role in suffering?

   i. Acts 4:27-28

II. Why does God allow/ordain suffering?

a. Suffering leads to deeper faith and greater holiness
- i. James 1:2-4
- ii. Psalm 119:67
- iii. Romans 5:3b-4
- iv. 119:71

b. Suffering loosens our affections on the world
- i. 2 Corinthians 1:8-9
- ii. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- iii. Hebrews 11:24-26

c. Suffering magnifies the power and worth of Christ
- i. Matthew 13:44-46
- ii. 1 Peter 2:20-24
- iii. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

d. Suffering showcases the eternal hope of the Gospel
- i. 1 Peter 3:14-15

e. Suffering encourages and emboldens other Christians
- i. Philippians 1:14
- ii. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

f. Suffering can physically move believers
- i. Acts 8:1, 11:19

g. Suffering displays the value of knowing Christ to a watching world
- i. Philippians 2:14-16
- ii. Philippians 3:8

III. How ought Christians respond?

a. Rejoice
- i. Knowing your reward is great (Matthew 5:5, Luke 12:31-32)
- ii. Knowing the result (1 Peter 1:6-7)
- iii. Knowing we serve an unchanging God (Romans 8:31-32)

b. Hope
- i. In the Gospel
- ii. And consider if that hope is visible (1 Peter 3:13-16)

c. Count the cost
- i. Luke 14:27-30, 33

d. Cultivate thankfulness, fight entitlement