

WE ALL KNOW SOMEONE

MCA
The Church on the Hill

GOD UNDERSTANDS OUR GRIEF

JANUARY 26TH
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sermon Outline

Key verses

2 Cor. 1:3-7

Main idea

God Comforts the Broken Hearted

'(3) All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. (4) He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. (5) For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. (6) Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. (7) We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us. '

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Opening Thought

Grief can overwhelm us in so many ways. God fully understands our grief; in fact, the scriptures say he was acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53:10). He can sympathize with man because he was fully God and fully man.

Ice breakers

- Do you like pomegranates? Have you ever eaten a pomegranate? How does a pomegranate affect your outlook on life? Will you eat a pomegranate in the future?
- What is something you are passionate about?

Dig Deeper

- Jesus is never frantic or anxious about anything. Jesus waited two days before departing for Bethany. What does this tell us about his mindset?
- The more we commune with God the more we are immune from fears and anxieties of the world. Read Philippians 4:6-7. How do we emulate Jesus' mindset when we're feeling frantic or anxious?
- What does the Garden of Eden tell us about God?
- Jesus delayed coming to Bethany to allow Lazarus to die so that He could perform an even greater miracle than healing Lazarus from illness. Why does God sometimes delay answering our prayers?
- Discuss a time when God's delay resulted in a greater outcome in your life.
- Death is not a destination; it is a transition. How should this shape our attitude toward death?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:12b and 1 Thessalonians 4:13. What enables believers to grieve with hope?
- What did Jesus mean when he asked Martha "Do You Believe This?"

Closing

Jesus is The Resurrection and the Life. Let us reflect on this this week as we go into a dead world. People are desperate for Jesus, even if they don't know it. Let's be faithful to share the Gospel this week and live out in a way that reflects our relationship with Christ.

-Soli Deo Gloria-

Remember: God understands our grief