

## PURPOSEFUL PROBLEMS

(Book of James: Everyday Faith- Part 1)

April 16, 2023

Passage: James 1:1-4

\_\_\_\_\_ right about our problems

There is \_\_\_\_\_ in our problems

God calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ in our problems

*Fill-ins: Thinking; purpose; trust him*

(The works of Adam Martin, Kevin Miller, Matt Morton, Larry Osborne, Daniel Simmons and Rick Warren were consulted for this message)

## Life Group Questions for the Week of April 16, 2023

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. How do you think our attitude affects our willingness to accept trials as God's tool to benefit us?
3. This Sunday we heard God actually allows us to suffer for our own benefit. That can be hard to understand at times, especially when we're in the middle of it. What can we learn from the following passages about what the benefit of our suffering may be? Hebrews 5:7-8; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 2 Corinthians 1:3-6
4. Choosing to not "squirm out" and short circuit the growth process can be no small challenge, especially when it seems like God is waiting at the other end, but not doing anything now to help the situation. How can the following verses help you stick with it and affirm God is more involved than you realize? Jeremiah 32:40-41; John 10:27-30; John 14:15-17; Philippians 1:6
5. When we stick it out and make it through one of life's challenges, we still might not have any idea how God worked and may even wonder if it was worth things doing God's way. How does Hebrews 6:10-12 help you avoid falling into this kind of thinking?
6. Knowing that God is at work for the positive in our life is an important reassurance in the midst of life's challenges (Philippians 1:6). Fortunately, it also gives us the resources to help deal with these challenges. What resources do you find in the following passages that can help you cope with, handle or even grow through a hard season in life? John 14:25-27; Philippians 4:6-7; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
7. Can you think of any examples of how any of these resources have helped you? Is there one you tend to forget more than the others?