

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1226: Am I Being Punished or Favored?

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1. What does Isaiah 53:2-3 tell us about the life of Jesus? What value did his suffering have? Why do we have to have hardships? (See Mark 8:31, Romans 8:32, Acts 14:21-22, Matthew 7:13-20)
2. What was the first disciplinary action God took against humans? What does "sin" mean scripturally? What is the difference between "consequence" and "punishment"? Why does God discipline us? Are our sufferings different from others in the world? Explain. Why is there suffering at all? (See Acts 14:21-22, Matthew 7:13-20, Genesis 3:17, Hebrews 12:7-10)
3. Describe the four main purposes of our Christian suffering? How can we be a reflection of Christ? What is the difference between sympathy and empathy? Why should we develop both of them? (See 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 8-9, 4:8-10, Philippians 3:7, 10, Hebrews 4:14-15)
4. What are the 4 main *results* of our Christian suffering? How do these help us in our Christian walk? (See 1 Peter 1:6-7, 4:12-14, Romans 5:3-5, 2 Corinthians 4:16-17, 5:18)
5. Is Christian punishment a privilege like Christian suffering? What is its purpose? Why did Jesus need to be disciplined? Why do we? Describe the three degrees of discipline. (See Isaiah 53:7-9, Hebrews 12:5-8)
6. What blessings does God's discipline cause in our lives? What do we have to do to ensure we receive the benefits from God's discipline? Is God mad at us when He disciplines us? Explain. What is God's motivation to exact discipline upon us? (See Hebrews 12:9-11, Job 5:17-19, Psalms 94:12-13, 119:75-76)
7. How should we talk to ourselves about our experiences of suffering? What four things can we do to reduce anxiety and despair through self-talk? (Psalms 28:6-7, 42:5, 62:1-2, Lamentations 3:21-24)
8. How should we talk to God about our experiences of suffering? Why is it important to confess our sins to God if He knows all about them already? (See Psalms 31:1-3, 14-16, 32:5, 143:8-10)
9. Is Christian suffering a punishment or a privilege? How will you find joy in your trials and sufferings by practicing the suggestions from this episode? Why is it a joy when we encounter trials? What do your trials indicate about our relationship with our Father? (See James 1:2-4)