

# GROUP DISCUSSION

WEEK OF  
**MAY 4**

## MEAL & MINGLE

Spend these opening minutes getting to know each other and following up on conversations from previous gatherings.

- **READ COLOSSIANS 1:24-2:2**  
Share takeaways from the passage

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

**Ice Breaker: What's a challenge or frustrating moment that you can laugh about now?**

*Suffering has the power to shape our character—either drawing us toward growth and surrender or toward anger and resistance.*

**Q 01. How have you seen suffering shape someone's character—either positively or negatively?**

*Romans 8:28 says God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and have been called according to His purpose.*

**Q 02. Share a time that you saw the "good" on the other side of a season of suffering.**

*In Hebrews 12:2, Jesus Christ endured the cross for the joy set before Him—pointing to the deep value He places on redeeming and restoring us.*

**Q 03. How does it feel to know that YOU are the joy of Christ? What does that stir in you as you think about His love and sacrifice?**

*Seeing suffering as something other than defeat challenges our natural instinct to avoid pain and instead invites us to view it as meaningful and purposeful in God's plan.*

**Q 04. What might it look like to surrender in the middle of suffering instead of resisting it—and how could that reshape your understanding of what victory really is?**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

