

Series Title: Unsettling Questions/ Why would a loving God allow so much suffering?

Main Idea: God loves and draws close to people who are broken-hearted.

Connecting

As a child, what 'unsettling questions' did you ask your parents?

What's your earliest memory of a loss that was significant to you?

Understanding

What's one takeaway you had from this message?

Read Psalm 13:1-4, Psalm 22:1-2 and Psalm 44: 23-26. Why is it healthy for us to cry out to God?

Are you surprised that any of these passages address God in this manner?

Does the fact that God experienced everything we experience change your perspective?

Read Revelation 21: 4-5. How are these verses meaningful to you? How do they shape your perspective on suffering?

Living

Can you think of a time when you were grieving and someone came alongside you and helped you?

What are some things people say in those times that—while true—might not be helpful?

People with mercy gifts are naturally inclined to move *toward* people who are suffering. Do you, or does someone you know, possess mercy gifts?

Take time to pray for people in our community who have recently suffered loss.

Next Week: Sex—Why is it such a big deal? Proverbs 5:15-20; Song of Songs 8:6-7;

Hebrews 3: 12-13