

### Discussion 3: Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?

- In what ways can you identify with any of the stories in *The Curiosity Collective*? What did you find intriguing or compelling?
- On a scale of 1-10, how difficult is it for you to reconcile the existence of both suffering and God (1=easy; 10= impossible)? Why?
- In the video one of the Pulse Speakers notes, “Some of the best lessons I’ve learned in life...came from very painful times.” In what ways might good come from bad? Do you have any experience with this?
  - \* Read Romans 8:26-30. For whom do all things work together for good?
  - \* What has God foreknown and predestined to do to us?
  - \* Are there any ways parents allow their children to endure suffering to bring about good in them?
- If there’s a God, why do you think he allows evil in the world?
  - \* Read James 1:2-4 Why should we count it all joy when we face trials of various kinds?
  - \* Read 1 Peter 4:12-13
  - \* Read John 16:33
  - \* What are these verses speaking to you about suffering?
- In the video, what did you think of James’s suggestion that God “understands our suffering...and is seeking to heal it”?
  - \* Read Hebrews 4:14-16 Can you think of different aspects of suffering Jesus endured in his life, ministry, and death?