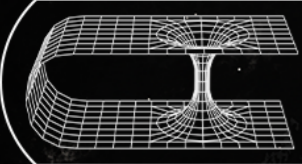


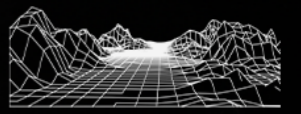
# I'VE BEEN WONDERING



NEW SERIES  
~~NEXT WEEK.~~

**IN MAY**

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WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?  
WHY WOULD AN INFINITE GOD CARE ABOUT  
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**WONDERING**

BREAKING OPEN SIMPLE TRUTHS FOUND IN SCRIPTURE THAT ANSWER COMPLEX QUESTIONS FOUND IN LIFE.

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**Ice Breaker Question:** What have you been *wondering* lately? How has this series helped?

## Message Notes:

### WHY WE SUFFER: Suffering...

- Is common to all humanity. Matt. 5:44-45; Heb. 3:12
- Can be corrective. Psalm 119:67 & Heb. 12:7-10
- Can be constructive. Romans 5:3-5; 2 Sam 16:5-11
- Is for God's glory. John 9:1-3; Romans 8:17
- Conforms us into HIS image. Philippians 3:10; Job 23:10

## Questions:

- What is the one thing from this message that resonated with you?
- What's your first response to suffering?
- Are you willing to pay the price in your suffering for God's glory?
- How do you identify if you are getting *better* or *bitter* in your suffering?
- How has suffering been constructive for you?
- How have you seen suffering bring God glory?

## Challenge:

*We are not able to be compassionate enough, kind enough, empathetic enough or thoughtful enough with people until we have walked through suffering.*

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## Prayer:

Loving God and Father, I pray that you will comfort and lead me in my suffering. Give me such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when I am afraid, I may put my whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Help me to embrace the lessons found in suffering so that my walk will bring a testimony of your glory and conform me more into your image.

Amen

## What's Coming Up:

- **MAY 12:** Endeavor Night
- **MAY 15:** CLI Open House
- **MAY 22:** GT Baptisms
- **JUNE 21-23:** Celebration KiDS Camp
- **JULY 20:** WAVE Student Conference

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