

## Suffering for the Glory of God

### **Week 1: The Problem of Suffering and the Bible's Answer**

*The wisdom of God and a call to trust*

### **Week 2: God's Revealed Purposes for Suffering**

*How God can use suffering for our good and His glory*

### **Week 3: The Future of Suffering**

*The importance of heaven and hell for a suffering Christian*

### **Week 4: God's Grief over Suffering**

*The empathy of a suffering God*

### **Week 5: Unbiblical Reactions to Suffering**

*Temptations to find hope in what is passing away*

### **Week 6: Fighting for faith, Part 1**

*Struggling for faith in God's sovereignty and goodness*

### **Week 7: Fighting for faith, Part 2**

*Helping others fight for faith in the local church*

### **Week 8: Sharing Their Burdens**

*A biblical perspective on the relief of physical suffering*

### **Week 9: Suffering as Witness**

*Making the most of your suffering for the glory of God*

### **Week 10: Applying the Framework**

*Suffering through illness*

### **Week 11: Suffering for the gospel**

*Biblical wisdom for the persecuted*

### **Week 12: The Secret of Contentment**

*Finding joy in Christ in any and every situation*

### **Week 13: Panel Discussion**

**Questions?** Email

## **Core Seminars—Suffering for God's Glory** **Class 8: Sharing Their Burdens**



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### **Introduction**

#### **I. Principle #1 – Love is the Posture of a Christian**

*The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37* "...Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man?...Go and do likewise."

#### **II. Principle #2 – Moral Proximity**

*The closer the moral proximity of the need, the greater the moral obligation to help...*

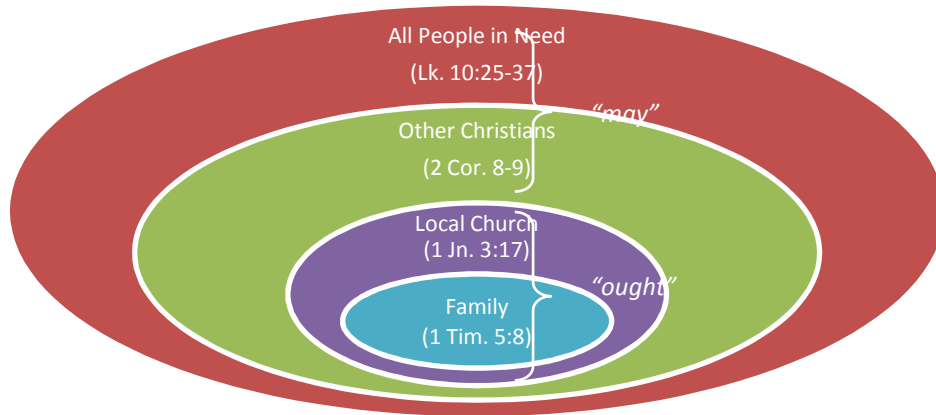
**Galatians 6:10** "...let us do good to everyone...as we have opportunity."

**1 John 3:17** "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?"

**2 Corinthians 8-9** “I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love is genuine...Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

“Suffering in this world is terrible and limited, but suffering in the next world is terrible and eternal. And love sees it that way. Love does not shut its eyes to this world or that world. Love reckons with the reality of suffering here, and the worse reality of suffering there...Don’t choose between rescuing people from suffering in this world and rescuing people from suffering in the next. We care about all suffering now, especially eternal suffering”

-John Piper



Priority of need and fighting for faith...

i. *For those who are suffering*

ii. *For those who are helping*

### III. Principle #3 – *The Priority of Need*

**1 Corinthians 15:3** “What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

### IV. Conclusion