

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of August 7, 2016

**This Week's Focus:** Did God really say that? – “Bad Things Happen to Good People”

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 8:31-32, 38-39**

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- Have you heard someone say “Bad things happen to good people.”? What do they usually mean by this statement?
- When did sin enter the created order, and what are the consequences of sin? Reference Genesis 3, Romans 3:9-13, Romans 8:20-22.
- Regarding suffering, some people claim: “Either God is good and not powerful enough to stop evil, or God is all-powerful but does not stop evil because he is not good.” What do the Scriptures say? Reference Job 38:4-11, Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:18.
- Discuss how God masterfully uses suffering for his glory and for our good. Reference 1 Peter 1:6-7, 2 Corinthians 1:9, 2 Corinthians 12:9. As Christians, where do we find hope to sustain us through our suffering?
- Contrast the biblical understanding of good with our culture's definition of good. By the biblical definition, who is the only good one? How and why did God grace us with his mercy and kindness when we were such sinful people?
- How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?