

"THE CUP OF SUFFERING"  
Series: The Cup of Life  
Questions from the Sermon in The Path

- When someone says, "They pulled the rug out from under me," what does that mean?
- Have students share when they felt "the rug pulled out" from under them. How did they respond to it? What were their feelings toward God during that time?
- What suffering comes from "things that happen to you, things inflicted on you from others, or suffering that comes as a result of our own actions"?
- How is the cup of suffering also a time of temptation?
- What is redemptive suffering? Unredeemed suffering? What is the difference between the two? Why doesn't God just get rid of suffering all together?
- Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. How does this relate to redemptive suffering?
- Read Psalm 23:4. What difference does it make whether God is with us or not, if we are still suffering? How has the Presence of God walking with you made a difference in your time of suffering?
- Read Luke 22:42-43. What did Jesus mean here? What was His cup of suffering?
- Ask if anyone is faced with their cup of suffering right now, and have prayer for them.