

Engaging Culture with the Character of God

9 AM Bible Study, Jan – Mar 2024

Class Purpose Statement:

This class aims to equip people to consistently interpret culture through the lens of God's character so they can be ambassadors for God, influencing those around them with God's heart.

Week 6: Suffering Part 1

1. Information

Discuss your observations from last week's reading/study ([John 16:33](#), [Psalm 119:67-72](#), [Romans 5:1-5](#), [2 Corinthians 1:3-5](#).) What do you observe about God's character?

2. Understanding

a. Characteristic of God: He is _____

i.

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b. Truths from God that should shape our engagement: Suffering is _____

i.

ii.

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3. Application

- a. What are some of the pitfalls we can step into when engaging culture on this topic?

- b. How can what we learned today guide us in engaging culture on the concept of suffering *in general* (i.e. generic human suffering in humanity like famine, war, etc.)?

- c. What should our focus be in these conversations?

4. Assignment

Read [James 1:2-4](#) and [John 11:1-37](#). What do you observe about God's Character in these passages?