

ROLLING WITH THE PUNCHES

Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 4

This week, we learned another way to Roll With The Punches by observing how Jesus handled His worst day. Why God! Have you ever asked God - Why? This may surprise you but Jesus asked God, "Why?" After hours of excruciating pain and torture Jesus is near death... **Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, Lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46).** God in the flesh, Jesus Christ, identifies with us, with our struggles, with our "WHY GOD" times. When we are getting pummeled from all sides and God doesn't make sense, we need **Life-Lesson #4: Realize that until you get to heaven, there are some things you will never understand.**

A man named Job had a very bad experience which caused him to ask, "What's the point of life when it doesn't make sense, when God blocks all the roads to meaning?" (Job 3:23 MSG) Thirty-five chapters later God breaks His silence and talks to Job. Pastor Curt shared that like Job, we need to realize that God is good, and God is good enough. After God answers Job and begins to ask him questions, Job realized several things: He needed to think with eternity in mind, He needed to let go, and He needed to get close to God and trust Him more. Pastor Curt helped us discover that In our WHY GOD times, and don't have the answers we are longing for, there are four things we can be assured of, **1 - God is there with us, 2 - God is never late, 3 - God knows best, and 4 - God cares about us.** Real worship is trusting God when life doesn't make sense and worshipping through the "why" will cause our pain to lose power as we magnify God.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever questioned God or gotten angry with Him when you were going through a painful time? Share what you learned from that experience and how you might handle that situation differently after hearing this message.
- Job realized these three things: Think eternal. (Job 42:2) Let go. (Job 42:3) Get close. (Job 42:5) Which of these is most challenging for you?
- Why is it so important to trust God when life doesn't make sense? Discuss how being assured of the 4 things PC shared will help you get through life's challenges.
- How can you apply what you've learned to help someone else overcome a trial by trusting in God?

Prayer Focus

This week, make time to acknowledge the truths we learned about God before asking Him to meet your needs. Share your pain with Him and ask Him to reveal His purpose in your tough season. Thank Him for consistently carrying you through the trials of life.

Next Steps

Write out your NEXT STEP in your walk with Christ and how you plan to accomplish it. Talk to your Group leader if you need guidance in how to move a step forward in your faith.

Leader Tip

Begin to identify those in your group who have demonstrated leadership potential. Help them take their next step by encouraging them to consider helping you lead your Group and to pray about becoming a Group leader.