

# Home Group Questions

the week of 9/9/2018

Various Passages

## NICK VUJICIC

### **GETTING STARTED...**

This past Sunday, Nick Vujicic spoke at all our services...we were blessed by having a wonderful opportunity to hear the amazing testimony of Nick.

### **LOOKING IN THE WORD...**

**1. Share your thoughts/experiences from this past Sunday.** Nick's testimony of living a life without limbs for the glory of God challenges millions of people around the world. Talk about your impressions of his life and his testimony? What impact has it made on you and how do you think it will impact you in days and weeks to come? Were there any questions that were raised in your mind as you listened to Nick and the struggles that some people have more than others?

### **-Share this quote from Nick:**

**“We can't, and we should not, compare sufferings. We come together as a family of God, hand in hand. And then together coming and standing upon the promises of God, knowing that no matter who you are, no matter what you're going through, that God knows it, He is with you, He is going to pull you through.”**  
— Nick Vujicic

Discuss this quote...why are comparisons so dangerous in the Christians life and what can we do as Christians to try to avoid getting caught up in that kind of self-defeating, disobedient lifestyle?

**2. Read Romans 8:18-23.** How might this passage speak into our lives as we experience hardships in this sinful world? What do you think it means when it states that all creation is “groaning”? How does that inform us today about various disasters that we see happening around the world? What should our attitude be when things happen that we don't understand? What should our attitude be towards the victims and, if appropriate, the ones victimizing others?

**3. READ 2 Corinthians 1:3-10.** Talk about this powerful passage. Paul refers to God as the “God of mercies and the Father of all comfort”, yet God allowed His Son to die on the cross for us. How do those titles of God fit with the gruesome experience that Jesus went through for us. How does that instruct us in our expectations as Christians, knowing that some believers seem to have the expectation that if they come to faith in Christ, their problems will be gone.

- This passage also highlights our responsibility to share the comfort we have received from God with others (verses 4-6). What does that imply about our attitude during our affliction and our attitude towards the comfort that God offers us during our time of struggle? What does a believer miss out on if he or she refuses to receive God's comfort in their time of affliction?

- **Discuss verse 9** in this passage and how it corresponds to another passage in this same book (**read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**). Why is it that we often struggle to learn the lessons that God wants to teach us in our times of struggle and discouragement? What attitudes do we need to adopt and truths do we need to grasp on to in our lives to make us more teachable during our time of struggles so that God can use them to impact others the way Nick has learned to do.

### **MOVING FORWARD...**

Pray that the impact of Nick's message on Sunday would continue to impact and change lives for Jesus Christ!!