



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **LifeGroup Discussion**

Date: March 12, 2017

**Psalm 119:65-72**

1. Read Hebrews 12:5-11. Not all suffering is a form of discipline, but some is. How does the writer of Hebrews explain the discipline of the Lord? Whom does the Lord discipline and for what purposes?
2. Read verse 65. What were the circumstances surrounding the writer of this Psalm? In the midst of suffering, how could he have felt that God was blessing him?
3. Twice in this stanza and once in the next stanza, the writer of Psalm 119 thanks the Lord for his affliction. Why was he grateful for his affliction? Can you share about a time in your life when suffering proved to be a blessing?
4. Pastor Craig talked about how suffering can help us to focus on the things that matter most. Why is the Word of God is one of the things that matter most?
5. Read verses 65 and 72. Notice how the psalmist drew closer to the Lord during his struggle. How might suffering deepen your fellowship with the Lord? How might it deepen your fellowship with others?
6. Suffering well can be a defense of the Christian faith and a powerful tool for evangelism. Can you share stories of people whose testimonies include suffering? How have these stories affected you?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Psalm 119:71. Talk together about how God teaches us through our suffering.