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Small Groups and Suffering...

- We **experience** suffering in God.
 - He is **sovereign** over all suffering.
 - He is **familiar** with all suffering.
 - He is the **source** of all compassion.
 - He is **sufficient** for all comfort.
- We **extend** comfort from God.
 - We are comforted for **each others'** sake.
 - So that we might **care for** each other's hurts.
 - So that we might **carry** each other's burdens.
 - We are a fellowship of the **broken**.
- We **exult** in the glory of God.
 - ▶ He is our **victory**.
 - ▶ He is our **deliverer**.
 - ▶ He is our **hope**.
 - Suffering comes full circle...
 - God uses suffering for **our** sake.
 - God uses suffering for others' sake.
 - God uses suffering for **His** sake.

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