

Future life

Read **Revelation 21:1-8** - this is a picture of what will happen when Jesus returns.

What sort of world can God's people look forward to?

As a group, come up with a sentence summarising what the Bible says about suffering from beginning to end...

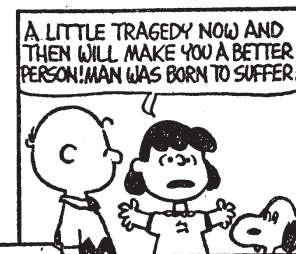
Discuss

How does this help us to think about our own suffering?

Write down any questions you have...

Pray

Next week: Is there any connection between specific sins and suffering?



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Discuss

What examples of suffering have you seen in the world, in people you know and in your own life?

What questions do you have when you think about suffering?

A bird's eye view of suffering

Over these 3 weeks we will have a look at what God says about suffering in the Bible. Today, we will take a “bird’s eye view” of suffering, looking at the big picture from the very beginning to the end of the Bible’s story.

Perfect life

Read **Genesis 1:26-2:3**

What was the world like at the very beginning? (v.31)

Frustrated life

Read **Genesis 3:1-24** and **Romans 5:12**

What happened to change God’s perfect world?

How has God’s world changed?

Why do we experience suffering?

What is the fundamental problem with the world, according to the Bible?

This is the world we live in now – this is a picture of life as we know it.
Read **Romans 8:20-22**.

What is the hope that the world is groaning for?

Read **Hebrews 2:14-18**

How did Jesus deal with our biggest problem?