



## Week Two | Everything Happens for a Reason | 07.30-31.2022

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Series Recap:** It seems like we have watched a cotton candy version of our faith become mainstream in our culture. The good news of Jesus is so much better than a sweet and temporary fix for your life. Together, let's discover the rich goodness of Jesus.

### » Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Do you prefer hearing the good or bad news first?
- Digging Deeper: Can you think of a time when someone shared 'truth' with you, but it was done with grace or kindness at the moment? How did that feel?

### » Observation | Read Romans 8:28, 12:15; 1 Peter 3:8; Ephesians 4:29

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | We can be right and wrong at the same time.

(12 minutes)

- Can you give an example of a common statement often spoken during difficult times but is rarely helpful?
- What is something helpful that was said to you, or you wish had been said, during a time of hurt and pain?

### » Context is King | Reread Romans 8:28, 12:15; Philippians 2:1-4, 14-16

(12 minutes)

- How does the knowledge of positive future outcomes affect the view of current struggles?
- What do these verses teach us about coming alongside others as everyone navigates in a crooked and twisted world?

### » Community Requires Compassion | Reread 1 Peter 3:8; Colossians 3:12-15; Matthew 9:36, 14:14, 15:32

(12 minutes)

- What is the greater expression of compassion: words or actions? Why?
- How does the compassion of Jesus illustrate bearing with one another and being united in sympathy and brotherly love?

### » Communication Sees People | Reread Ephesians 4:29; Proverbs 25:11-12; Isaiah 50:4

(12 minutes)

- What safeguards can we employ to make sure our words are helpful to those in need?
- How can we prepare our minds now to give encouragement and grace in the future?

### » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How can you better diagnose the needs of others around you rather than assuming yourself?
- Close by praying for one another to recognize where they feel justified in being "right" and replace it with compassion.