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## Only Jesus – Offers Sight

### Review

#### *Main Points: Initial Thought/Reactions/Comments*

1. All suffering is the result of sin, but not personal sin
2. All suffering has a purpose
3. All suffering will be swallowed up in joy

### Reflect – Questions

1. Think back to the last time you asked the why question, and what are common answers you tend to believe?
2. **Read John 9:1-2.** The disciples thought there were two options for the man to be blind. What were they and which option do you resonate more with, and tend to see in yourself?
3. **Read John 9:3.** Jesus doesn't agree with either option, but gives a third, that the works of God would be displayed in his life. How does that answer strike you?
4. There were three truths Joe shared from that verse. The first is this: **All suffering is the result of sin, but not all suffering is the result of personal sin.** What does that mean to you? And why is the second part of that statement so important?
5. **All suffering has a purpose.** Joe shared the illustration of the sculpture of David and the atlas slave. What was his point, and how have you seen that play in your life? **Read Romans 8:28, and explore what God is up to in our life.**
6. **All suffering will be swallowed up in joy.** What helps you to maintain hope in a season of suffering? How would you describe the hope we have as Christians?

### Respond

1. How do you think you would talk to people who don't know Jesus about their suffering and pain?
2. How can we, as a group, help each other the most in times of suffering and pain?

### Pray

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests. Especially pray for people who don't know Jesus.



## ***Announcements***

### **Only Jesus Devotionals**

These devotionals accompany the sermon series and can be picked up in our bookstore.

### **The 5 Love Languages Marriage Conference // Saturday, Apr. 6 // 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Imagine a marriage where your emotional needs are met, you and your spouse talk openly, you have fun on dates, and you're going through life as an actual team!

Whether you've been married six months or sixty years, every marriage can use a boost. In this popular one-day conference led by Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*®, you and your spouse will focus on the basics of every marriage. With wisdom and a healthy dose of humor, Dr. Chapman gives valuable tips on breaking unhealthy patterns and choosing to develop a more intimate, happy marriage.