

Session 1: Suffering & God's Plan

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I. Introduction

A. *Acts 14:22*

B. *Preliminaries*

C. *We cannot receive God's strength and comfort without accepting his point of view.*

II. Creation: God created the world good

A. *Genesis 1 & 2*

B. *What made life good in the Garden of Eden?*

III. Fall: Mankind sinned plunging this world into chaos

A. *Man's sin*

B. *God's judgment*

C. *Source of all suffering*

1. **Warning:** This does not mean that our specific suffering is necessarily a direct result of some particular sin we committed in life.

D. *Something worse than suffering*

IV. Salvation: God made a way by which we can be delivered of our sin.

A. *Our greatest need in this life*

B. *Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection*

C. *Why is there still suffering and evil in the world?*

V. Restoration: God will make everything right again.

A. *The world to come*

B. *The return of Jesus*

VI. Application

A. *Our greatest need is not...*

B. *Our greatest need in this life is...*