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MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 3 – A GOOD GOD AND SUFFERING

Tension Question:		
If God is, then why do su	ffering and evil	?
Opinions on Resolving the Tension	n of a Good God Who	Allows Suffering and Evil:
Opinion #1:		
God created, so	he is	for evil and suffering
Response:		
God is responsible for	free will, but ho	ow we this freedom
is our		
Opinion #2:		
Evil and suffering are always	for _	
Response:		
Evil and suffering are	of sin, b	ut they are not always a
Evil and suffering are of si	n	
Opinion #3: God does		
Response:		
God doesn't	the	—evil and suffering
		
Opinion #4:		
God is good, but he is	to	evil and suffering
Response:		
God	a life free from evil	and suffering
(John 16:33		

Our Challenge:		
There is no		in this life that
There is no resolves the tension between	a good God and the problen	ns of evil and suffering
Over Breaklance		
Our Problem:		
Our Problem:	that God can	_
• Of the	in light of	
(Romans 8:18)	_	
• Caused by the	of	
(1 Corinthians 13:12)		
Our Hope:		
• The of Jesus	through which God	himself to
suffering and evil		
 God leverages our 	as a v	ehicle for providing
 God leverages our to others 	(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)	
• God is to the		
(Psalm 34:18)		
• God has a,	, and	to bring about good
for his children (Romans 8)	28)	
• Evil and suffering do not ha	ave the	
ADDITIONAL NOTES		

DIGGING DEEPER:

- 1. What are your biggest struggles related to God's goodness in light of the existence of pain and suffering?
- 2. How do you tend to respond to the problem of evil and suffering in the world?
- 3. What has been helpful for you as you have navigated these issues?
- 4. Why do evil and suffering cause many people—maybe even you—to do doubt the goodness of God?
- 5. What is the challenge we face in trying to resolve this tension?
- 6. What is the problem that we face as humans in trying to resolve this tension?
- 7. How has God responded to evil and suffering in the world?
- 8. How can this bring hope?
- 9. Why is an eternal perspective a key to dealing with this tension?
- 10. How might Romans 8:28 be a comfort in our troubles and not merely a pithy statement?