

Series: John

Sermon: 9:1-3

- 1. Suffering can cause people to think wrongly about God or even themselves. What are some errors that people might make when suffering?**

- 2. Read Ecclesiastes 7:2-4. What wisdom might be found in the house of mourning that may not be found in the house of feasting and mirth (laughter/amusement)?**

- 3. Read Ecclesiastes 7:13-14. Who makes your joyful days and your days of adversity? _____ Of this passage, R. C. Sproul writes, God displays His providence as much in suffering as in prosperity. His sovereign rule is manifested in them both.” How can acknowledging God’s sovereignty on adverse days as well as joyful days be beneficial to us?**

- 4. Suffering can be one of the most significant challenges to one’s faith. Disease, pain, depression, loss of a**

loved one, financial despair, etc. Job was the most righteous man on earth, yet he still faced great suffering. What sorrows and suffering did God allow into his life?

Did Job do as Satan said he would in Job 1:12 and 2:4 or did he persevere? _____

- 5. Read James 1:2-4. This passage is easy to read, but difficult to apply. A. Why should we rejoice when we are faced with trials?**

B. Is rejoicing usually our first reaction to trials and suffering?

- 6. How might developing a good theology of suffering, trials, and adversities early in one’s Christian life help them to be better equipped for life when difficult days arise?**
