# Life on the Ash Heap



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### **GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER**

- What is your favorite book or movie genre (drama, comedy, action, thriller, scary, animated, biography, fantasy, mystery, western, etc)?
- 2) Share about a time you experienced excruciating physical pain.

## MESSAGE REFLECTION

- What is something from the sermon that stood out to you, convicted you, or encouraged you?
- 2) What do you think it is about humanity that makes people so fascinated with the question of "why?"
- 3) Why does pain and suffering often bring about cynicism and bitterness in people?
- 4) Why should you always couple lamenting with placing your hope and trust in Jesus in the midst of suffering? What is the danger of only lamenting?
- 5) How does the reality of the gospel change the way Christians should learn to process pain & suffering?

#### **GOING DEEPER**

# READ - Romans 5:1-5 together

- 1) What is something that jumps out at you from this passage?
- 2) What is one thing we, as Christians, can always have joy about regardless of our circumstances?
- 3) How should our hope in the certainty of God's love impact the way we view suffering or the possibility of persecution?

# READ - Revelation 21:1-4 together

- 1) What does this passage teach us about God's character and his ultimate desire for his followers?
- 2) How does this give us hope in the midst of pain and suffering?

## LIVING IT OUT

Write down the name of one person in your life who is going through pain or suffering currently. Commit to praying and lamenting with them.

**PRAYER TIME** – *Pray for the needs and requests in your group.*