

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Tough Question 6 – Why does God allow suffering?

1) What has been your least pleasant experience so far in 2013?

2) Read **Psalm 62v1&2**. What would you most like to ask having listened to Rich's talk?

a) What do each of these Bible verses say about Christians suffering? How could each one help you personally when you are going through tough times?

Romans 8v18

1 Peter 1v6&7

Isaiah 48v10

2 Corinthians 12v10

James 1v2-4

b) Read **Romans 8v28**

i) Does this mean things will always work out happily for us in the end?

ii) How do you think this verse could still be true, even when we go through tough times?

c) Read **Romans 8v31-39**

i) Should we expect suffering and hard times as Christians?

Many Christians feel that going through hardship or suffering means that God doesn't love them.

ii) What does this passage say about that?

iii) How can we be 'convinced' of this?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Job 1v13-22**

- a) How does Job react to such terrible news?
- b) What is the significance of shaving his head and tearing his clothes?
- c) Why does Job still worship?
- d) What reason does Job give for not blaming God for his great loss?
- e) How do you think Job is able to balance expressing his grief with affirming his faith in God?
- f) What major sin did Job avoid? How?
- g) How do you honestly think you would have reacted to such awful news?
- h) What can you take away from this study to help you when you next encounter personal suffering?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Keep praying for the **Alpha Course!** Last week we had a great evening with all five guests turning up to hear the good news after the tough 'sin' week! Please keep praying for the five people on the course and that the rest of the course carries going well after a great start.

Please pray for **improved visibility from Tesco car park**. Pray that the wall that is currently creating a barrier between us and the car park will come down and that people would be able to see and access the building more easily.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

Lesotho: Rich and Jamie had a really useful and enjoyable trip, spending time with Pete West and the church as well as getting involved in Rob and Hilary's work with the clinic. They will be reporting back to us at the **Prayer Meeting** on the **3rd March**. Please note that this will be at the earlier time of **7.15pm**.

Encountering God in Worship, Saturday 2nd March, 10am -1pm. This morning is suitable for anyone who wants to grow in the prophetic. £5 to pay on the door on arrival.

Quiz Night is on **Saturday 2nd March at 7.15pm**. If you haven't already, buy your ticket now! £7 for a ticket including Fish and Chips and £3 for the Quiz only.

Exploring Membership Day is on **Saturday 27th April from 9.30am - 5pm**. This is a day to help you find out more about King's Church, chat to the leaders and get to know others who are new here. The day includes lunch and refreshments. Please speak to Rich, Chris or contact the office for more details and to book a place.

Wine Tasting Evening is on **Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm**. Tickets will be on sale from **next Sunday**. The evening will feature a selection of fine wines and port from Harvey's of Lewes and an opportunity to buy the wines you taste. It will include a practical session on how to taste wine with an expert from Harveys. Tickets will cost £8 a ticket to include wine and cheese. Please speak to Jamie for more details.

Catalyst Festival 2013, Saturday 25th - Tuesday 28th May 2013. The **last price break** is **Thursday 28th February** so book before then to get tickets before the price increases. To book, visit our website and click on the Catalyst graphic in the scrolling box on the homepage.