

**Faith Baptist Church D-Group Discussion Guide**

**March 23, 2025**

Philippians 1:29-30



1. What events in the Bible come to mind when you think of the sufferings of God’s people? During what circumstances in your life, or the life of family and friends, have you experienced or seen suffering for faith in Christ?

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2. From Phil 1:29, what does it mean to be “granted” belief and suffering “for Christ’s sake”? Why do you think Paul reminded the Philippians of his suffering in verse 30? Why is it important to know our Bible and its Author in the midst of our suffering?

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3. How is suffering like God’s divine anvil and crucible? What is God’s perspective with respect to our suffering? How does our response to suffering reveal our hope and trust in Christ?

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4. In what ways has your understanding of suffering been different than the teaching of these verses? How have you sought to find God’s perspective amidst your adversities? How can current trials change our character and the way we look to the future (see Romans 5:3-5)? How can we pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer for their faith?

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Homework for Sunday: Read Philippians 2:1-2.

