

Big Idea: God sovereignly _____ some suffering, that He might display – through those He is saving – a particular glory that _____ otherwise hidden realities.

In light of the goodness of God, _____ do we explain suffering?

- In Judaism, there was a strongly held belief in the _____ and effect relationship between suffering and _____.
 - All suffering is _____ in original sin. (Gen 3, Rom 8)
 - Present suffering can be caused by a specific sin. (1Cor 11:30)
 - Particular, _____ suffering does not always correlate to particular, individual sin.
- Jesus reorients the disciples from seeking an explanation of cause, to seeking an explanation of _____.
 - This man's blindness would be used to make the _____ of God known in a particular way.
 - Jesus is glorified to his neighbors and associates.
 - Jesus is glorified among some of the Pharisees.
 - The man was emboldened to face persecution.
 - The man became a believer and worshipper of Jesus.

Conclusions for Today

- There are times to stop focusing on the cause of your suffering and to start focusing on the purpose.
- God will sometimes display His works in us through the removal of our suffering and other times by _____ us over our suffering. (2 Corinthians 12)
- God comforts us in _____ our affliction: the suffering that we did not cause and the suffering that we did cause. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)



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Selected reading from Isaiah 35: The wilderness and the dry land will be glad; the desert will rejoice and blossom like a rose. ² It will blossom abundantly and will also rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, steady the shaking knees! ⁴ Say to the cowardly: "Be strong; do not fear! Here is your God; vengeance is coming. God's retribution is coming; He will save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy, for water will gush in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the parched ground will become a pool of water, and the thirsty land springs of water. In the haunt of jackals, in their lairs, there will be grass, reeds, and papyrus. ⁸ A road will be there and a way; it will be called the Holy Way. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for the one who walks the path.

Prayer Focus

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From **Matthew 5:8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
From **Revelation 1:16** “In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.”

Pray that God would work in us a pure heart to see Him, and that Jesus would shine brightly in Agape.

Upcoming Events

Email info@agapepinson.com for more details.

We are receiving the **2019 Spring Offering from Mar 17th – May 19th**
All funds will go to maintenance and improvements on our building and property. Please pray about your participation.

Wednesday April 3rd – **RELY Prayer and Worship Service @6:30pm**
Please join us for a time of worship through singing & corporate prayer.

Friday April 5th – **Family Fun Night: Hot Wing Cookoff @6:30pm**
Prize for the best wings; judged on presentation, flavor, and heat!
Cornhole Tournament for ages 13+. Please bring sides & drinks to share.

Gospel Community Groups

Email GC@agapepinson.com for directions or more details.

Trussville GC (Cleveland): March 30th at 6pm

Pinson GC (Ledbetter): April dates TBA

Pinson GC (Dean): April dates TBA

Blount County GC: March 27th (Talley) at 6:30pm



Sermon: A Particular Glory - Jesus Series #38

John 9:1-7 || David McConnell

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

A reminder from earlier in this series:

These [signs] are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

A _____ is a significant display of power that points beyond itself to deeper realities that must be perceived with faith.