

Redemptive Suffering in the Ministry of Jesus

Name: _____

1. Circle the Scripture passage your group has been assigned.

Luke 4:14–30

Luke 7:36–50

Mark 1:40–45

Matthew 12:9–14

2. Read the passage together with your group. You may need to look up any unfamiliar words in the dictionary. Then briefly summarize your passage here:
3. What type of suffering does Jesus endure in this passage? For example, does he take a physical risk of being hurt or harmed? Does he take an emotional risk of being rejected, scorned, misunderstood, or abandoned? Explain.
4. Why do you think Jesus chose to endure this suffering? Who benefited from his willingness to suffer?
5. Do you think that Jesus' taking on suffering for the good of others throughout his life prepared him for the ultimate suffering, his death? Why or why not?
6. What is the difference between suffering that is undergone for a purpose—for example, to help or defend someone else—and suffering that seems senseless? Give an example of each that occurs today.
7. What modern-day person can you think of who has willingly endured suffering for the good of others? This could be someone you know personally or a person you have never met but know about. Describe that person here:
8. What is one way in which *your* willingness to endure suffering—whether great or small—could benefit someone in need?

