

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

If you grew up in the church, what were some of the traditions of holy week from your background?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

> Read James 1:2-4; Psalm 66:10; Isaiah 48:10; Psalm 119:67; Proverbs 17:3

What good comes through tests and trials?

> Read Acts 5:27-29; 2 Corinthians 4:7-9; James 5:11; 2 Corinthians 7:5-7

According to these verses, what are some of the different types of tests/trials we face?

How do these examples change the way you think about similar situations in your life?

How does God work through us when we comfort others in their suffering?



> Read Deuteronomy 5:29; John 14:21; Luke 6:47-48; Psalm 119:9-11

What do these verses teach us about the benefits of obedience?

Since obedience to the word of God leads blessing, how would you counsel a friend to get more of God's word into their life?

Which is the best idea from the last question you heard in your group? Are you willing to have someone challenge you to practice it this week?

TAKE IT HOME

As we prepare to remember Christ's death and resurrection, how do the trials Christ faced in his death—and the blessing of his obedience after he endured them, help you face the challenges of your week?