



**“Suffering With Christ”
Movie: Shadowlands
2 Corinthians 4:7-12**

Introduction

Nobody enjoys suffering, and yet, it is something we all go through in our lives. We would love for our faith in Jesus to protect us from such difficulty, but ironically, sometimes it is that very faith that leads us into suffering and challenge. We can take hope, though, in the truth that Jesus knows what it is to suffer, and he is with us as we walk through those difficult times.

Discussion

- Which do you prefer, movies that are predictable and happy, or those that are sad and uncertain? Why?
- Which do you think is a better teacher, reading about something or experiencing it?

Going Deeper¹

- Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. What stands out to you most in this text? Why?
- Read some of the prior context of the passage; what does Paul mean by, “we have this treasure in jars of clay...”?
- What is Paul trying to communicate in vs. 10?
- What does it mean to be “given over to death for Jesus’ sake”?
- Read Ephesians 6:10-13. How is this passage helpful in dealing with suffering?

Application

- What is your major takeaway from this lesson?
- What are some practices/disciplines you can lean on to remember Christ is with you in times of suffering or difficulty?
- How can we be in prayer for you?

¹ Scripture references are from the NIV.