



CONDENSED CONVERSATIONS WITH LEADERS WE LIKE

Where is Jesus in the Midst of the Disaster?

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THE SITUATION

About _____ have been displaced, _____ were killed.

People are struggling to recover _____, _____,
_____ and are struggling to recover their _____.

WHAT IS GOD'S RESPONSE?

Some of the survivors convey God's _____.

It's no surprise that in our broken world there's still
_____. (Romans 8). Yet it remains a _____.

Christ-followers see our suffering as _____.

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE?

In John 9, Jesus _____ the question.

As Jesus' followers, we're called to be his _____ and
_____.

Our culture says to be _____ and _____ are the most
important things. Yet sometimes the _____ _____ is
where the difficulties are.

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged you or surprised you.
2. Reflect on these quotes and how they challenge your thinking and action. "We have to decide whether we want to be like rats fleeing a sinking ship, each one for himself...or are we part of a human family created in the image of God?" (Dave Toycen, *The Power of Generosity*) and "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress..."(James 1:27).

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read John 9:1-5. How can the work of God be displayed in a tragedy as enormous as the tsunami? How do we, as Christ-followers, carry on Jesus' legacy as the light of the world? What does that look like practically? Praying through a Scripture passage is an approach to prayer used by many people. Think of Scripture passages you might pray through for tsunami victims and for the relief work (The Psalms are always a good starting point).

SO WHAT?...

4. In your group, discuss what it means to be compassionate and generous. Include a discussion of money, but go beyond dollars and cents. How can you practice generosity this week? Think of some practical examples by using the LIFE acronym: Labour (time), Influence, Finances and Expertise. How can you leverage your LIFE this week for acts of compassion and generosity? What are the "tsunamis" in our neighbourhoods, communities and country that need our response?

HOMEWORK

5. Jot down the Psalms that your group suggested for prayer and pray through these this week. Reflect again on John 9. How can you be part of revealing God at work?