

LifeGroup Curriculum

Rival Gods: Comfort

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INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY

God Encounters:
Share some way
you saw God
interact in your
life this week.

2

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 5:41; "When
they left the
presence of the
council, rejoicing
that they were
counted worthy
to suffer
dishonor for the
name."

3

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:41-42

"We are followers of a homeless, itinerant Messiah who lived and loved perfectly and yet this world put Him to death on a cross. Jesus did not live a life of comfort, why do we expect that our lives following Him would be comfortable? In our world, comfort, can be an idol that we pursue, resting in the things of this world instead of the God who created and sustains them. How do we engage comfort and ensure that we enjoy the things God blesses us with without turning Comfort into a rival god?"

Discussion Questions

1. Read through the Scripture Passages listed above. Answer the question: What stands out to you?
2. Why is it that we think that if we follow Jesus our lives will get easier?
3. In what ways do we worship comfort? What does this worship of comfort keep us from doing/being in the Kingdom?
4. How are you suffering? (Don't trivialize your suffering even if someone else's seems "worse." This isn't a comparative thing.)
5. How can we learn to rejoice in suffering? How can we encourage one another during suffering without going to trite passages in the Scriptures?
6. How have you found joy in difficult situations in the past? How has God allowed you to experience joy in suffering?

