

July 22, 2018 SERMON NOTES
Why Do We Suffer?
John 9

I. Is suffering caused by sin?

A. Jesus' disciples believed that suffering was a sign of sin.

John 9: ¹ As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

B. There are at least four general causes of suffering.

C. Why doesn't God put an end to this suffering?

Answer: _____.

II. Three possible reasons God allows Christians to suffer.

A. So we may be able to _____.

B. We might not put our _____.

C. It leads us to "_____."

III. What should be our response to suffering?

A. The natural response is often: "Why is this _____ to me?"

B. What _____ is there in this for me?

C. When suffering comes acknowledge our _____.