

07 - Summer series - Exposing our blind spots – Suffering is bad**A choice to suffer****Jesus and suffering**

Mark 8:31 ... must suffer many things

Mark 8:34 "...deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

For us in the west

verse 38 ... he will be ashamed of us when he returns to judge us.

So, how have we ended up with such a blind spot?

How might we deny ourselves?

How it will be good for us.

... God is honoured and glorified

... persevere in tough times

1 Peter 1:6-7 – *"In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith, of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire, may result in praise glory and honour when Jesus Christ is reveal"*.

... refine our character

...encourage and spur on our fellow Christians.

... less likely to adopt false gospels

How will it be good for our witness to the gospel in this community?

...Jesus is worthwhile following regardless of the cost because eternity is with him is both real and unbelievably good.

A question, "How can we help each other appreciate the good results of suffering in our lives?"