



August 10, 2023

Social Time

Thanks to those who provided Treats

Bible Study Business

Music

- ELW 661 *I Love to Tell the Story*
- ELW 396 *Spirit of Gentleness*
- ELW 856 *How Great Thou Art*

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Book Discussion – Chapter 4 “No Exceptions for Nice People”

- Do you think God ever “intervenes” in the laws of nature in response to our prayers?
- What do you think about the statement “Laws of nature do not make exceptions for nice people.... That is why good people get sick and hurt as much as anyone.”?
- The author says “A world in which good people suffer from the same natural dangers that others do causes problems. But a world in which good people were immune to those laws would cause even more problems.” What do you think?
- What has been your experience of “meaningful pain” such as childbirth compared to “pointless suffering” like kidney stones? In what ways does the reason for pain influence how pain is experienced?
- Have you seen different reactions to pain – making some people bitter and envious or others sensitive and compassionate? Would you share examples?
- Do you think that being mortal makes life more meaningful than it would be if there were no death?
- How does your understanding of God’s intervening or not affect your approach to prayer?
- As Christians, what difference does it make to this discussion knowing that God experienced suffering as one of us through Jesus’s life and death?

Birthdays

Closing Prayer – Lord’s Prayer