



# LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of March 3, 2019

GOD NEVER SAID THAT |  
Everything Happens for a Reason

# Life Group Schedule

**30 MIN** Eat, Meet & Greet

**15 MIN** Ice Breaker: **Most Embarrassing Moments.** Challenge the group to see who can tell the most embarrassing moment they've ever experienced. Lead off by telling your most embarrassing moment! Whoever tells the funniest story wins bragging rights!

**TRANSITION:** As you're gathering, spend some time in **WORSHIP & PRAYER.**

**45 MIN | GOD NEVER SAID THAT | EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON**

- Why do things happen? Because of chaos, choices, and chance.

**SEE: GENESIS 3:6-7, MARK 10:18, ROMANS 8:20-24, 28**

**GOD USES PAIN TO GET OUR ATTENTION AND TEACH US.**

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains."—*CS Lewis*

- Q1.** Describe a painful experience in your life that made sense.
- Q2.** Is there a painful experience you have faced (or are facing) that didn't (or still doesn't) make sense?

**THE TRUTH ABOUT PAIN**

1. Pain will be present.

**SEE JOHN 16:33**

2. Pain is often a process.

**SEE 1 PETER 1:6-7, PSALM 66:10**

3. Pain can serve a purpose.

- God always wants to use pain for a greater purpose—His purpose.  
**SEE 2 COR. 1:4, HEBREWS 5:8**
- People with the most compassion and mercy for others have often experienced first hand what it feels like to be uncared for.
- The biggest lovers of people are sometimes those who have been hated the most.
- Sometimes the biggest givers are the ones who grew up with nothing. Because of pain, they are able to relate and identify with other's struggles.

**Q3.** Is there anything in your attitude that may be at least partially responsible for your pain?

**Q4.** How can the Lord use what you have experienced to bring hope to someone else?

**PRAY OVER NEEDS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**