



3-Making Sense When Life Doesn't

Ephesians 1:17-22

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. Adversity is a catalyst that builds and also kills (or pulls us down). How have you seen this in your own life or in others? How have you seen this play out in the realm of faith?
3. Why do you think adversity builds faith and yet at other times tears it down?
4. Alvin mentioned two truths that help us make sense when life doesn't. 1. God is at work. 2. Jesus is building His Church. In what ways might these be helpful for you when facing trials?
5. Read Ephesians 1:17-23. What sticks out to you most? If Jesus is above any other authority, and all other powers and authorities are under Him, what does that mean about any trial you face or any future you fear?
6. If everything has been put under Jesus for sake of the church, how does that impact how you view the personal adversity you face?
7. Read 1 Peter 1:7. How does this verse impact your view of faith and your view of adversity?
8. Read James 1:2-4. How does this verse impact your view of trials and difficulties?
9. What adversity are you facing right now that could be turned into a catalyst to grow your faith? How can you change your perspective (consider it pure joy) and persevere this week?
10. Pray together.

P.S. Connect with your small group or someone in the church this week, even if it is by group text, phone or online communication. Lets stay connected and build each other up.