

Leader's Notes
Week of January 23, 2010

Leaders :I have changed the order a little this week because of Scott's subject in the video.

Please watch that you do not get into a discussion about why bad things happen to good people. This is not about attributing every bad thing to sin, but there are times when God does discipline us through allowing us to bear the consequences of our sins.

Please note the whole theme of this week's sermon is about how we can be real before God. Psalm 79 talks about how God uses circumstances to discipline us. I have tried to incorporate these two thoughts into this week's lesson. God's invitation is to come before Him just as we are. But He also wants to transform us. When He disciplines us, we do not need to fear rejection but we can, in confidence, come before Him and receive mercy and grace.

Our worship needs to be as real people, not people pretending to be holier than we are. Having said this, we need to extend the same mercy and grace to others.