

## BELOW THE SURFACE--FINDING PURPOSE IN PAIN AND SUFFERING" PASTOR TONY

### Group Discussion Guide

"Below the Surface—Finding Purpose in Pain and Suffering" by Pastor Tony Choose the best question(s) for your group

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### Questions by Pastor Ric

Below are some discussion questions relating to a recent sermon. These are provided so that your Life Group can discuss what was shared. Previous Weeks' Discussion Guides and Sermon Notes are available through the [Sermons under the Resources menu](#). Click on the sermon series and then the sermon you are interested in. You will see a paper icon under the sermon title. Click the icon to open the sermon notes. To listen to the sermon click on the speaker icon.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

1. The experience of physical and emotional pain, according to 2 Corinthians 1: 4, is, in part, to allow us to understand and support others when they also experience pain. But how do we do that, specifically? What does it mean to come alongside someone who is hurting?
2. Job's friends come to mind. They were a great support but later actually became his accusers when the trials did not pass as soon as they thought they should. What was their great mistake? How did it affect Job? (read Job 1:11 and John 9:1-5)
3. Athletes, when they train, approach what some coaches call, "the pain barrier". I consistently encourage Warwick swimmers to *swim through* the pain barrier. Why? To become the *best* they can be. Read James 1:2-4. Ultimately, why does God allow adversity and pain in our lives? Discuss personal experiences that God has taught you through pain. How has this given you a more mature life perspective and helped you to grow spiritually? How has it given you a better ability to minister to others?