Discussion Questions

1. What in your life still remains to you a mystery? How do you handle mystery (Not knowing why) in your life? Do people handle mystery well? In the face of mystery what is our tendency?
2. From your experience, when comforting others, in what incidences is it best to remain quiet or speak a minimal number of words verses offering a “word of comfort” or counsel?
3. Share a time when you wrestled with the classical argument against God from suffering. How do you reconcile the existence of an all-powerful and all-good God and the existence of evil and its cohorts (Death, disease, disasters and disappointments)?
4. Have you ever talked to a person for whom pain and suffering was a roadblock to faith? What was the experience like? Did you hear anything during the series that may be helpful in helping people through the roadblock?
5. How do you discern the will of God when deciding on important issues that will have a lasting impact on your life?
6. Share a struggle you had that revealed a touch of “Salieri” in you. Why is that so prevalent in us and how do we combat it. It does get in the way of facing adversity in a helpful way.
7. What storms have you faced in your life? Make a list and share one or two that you have not shared with the group up to this point. What got you through it? (And if you are not “through it” it’s okay. It’s okay to say… “I’m not over it yet and I may never get over it!)
8. Share a time when God showed up for you experientially.
9. Share how you are doing? Has anything changed since the last time you met? How can we best pray for you?

Also discuss the future of your small group.