

# **Jesus Said What!?**

## **Week 2**

### **You Will Have Trouble**

## **TALK IT OVER**

### **Key Scriptures**

*“Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.”*  
John 16:20-22 NIV

*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*  
John 16:33 NIV

*So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. ...* 1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*  
James 1:2-4 NIV

*... for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.* 1 John 5:4-5 NIV

**Start talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever had so many things go wrong that all you could do was laugh? What happened?
- Have you ever tried something without preparing beforehand? How did that go?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What are some reasons God might have for not shielding us from all pain and suffering?
- What are some benefits of a faith that’s been tested?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- What are some ways you can start embracing trials as opportunities to strengthen your faith?
- How can we help other people find peace in the midst of pain?

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, thank You for all the ways in which You push us and stretch us to become more like Your Son. Thank You for giving purpose to everything we experience—even times of struggle and hardship. Help us to find peace in Christ no matter what we face. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Reach out to others who are facing struggles and ask how you can encourage them this week.