

ADVERSITY

Leader's Guide: MP5-3

Lecture time: 31 min.

Discussion time: approx. 25 min.

Lecture handling instructions

- Place MP5-6SM on the screen at the close of the lecture and during the discussion time.

Leader's Oral Opening Comments

- Difficulties get our attention. They may even totally absorb our mind. They may even paralyze our actions and ministries. With our shortcomings we often tend to think that we are at fault. Many times this is NOT the case. Today let us learn about Biblical insights regarding adversity and refocus our attitudes and emotions in God pleasing ways.

Leader's Oral Closing Comments

- This lecture closed with the interesting thought that we might see adversity as a beautiful instrument for holiness. May God open your eyes to all the benefits of adversity! May all of us learn to welcome adversity. God bless you.

Discussion instructions

- Instruct the students to fill in their questionnaire.
- After filling in the questionnaire you may choose to have a discussion about it; and let the men make more complete notes as they receive help from each other.

Prayer instructions

- For prayer lead the men in a discussion as to how adversity is/has been/can be a blessing to us. Have each of them write down those suggestions they hear.
- Then take time to let each of persons individually find Bible verses to go with the thoughts they received. After that they can praise the Lord in a time of private prayer.
- You may want to pray personally with some of those that suffer that God would open their eyes to see blessing in the adversities they are suffering.

Pass-out material instructions

- Have the questionnaire ready for use when needed.

Practical assignments

- Take time to let the men fill out their practical assignment and make plans about using it home.
- Ask several to share orally about how they intend to use it at home. This may help others, who haven't come to that place yet.
- Encourage each of the men to preach a message on it in their home churches.

Special adaptations for unique groups

Perhaps you will find some new funeral thoughts here to use later on

Supplemental materials – MP5-6SM