

**Adult Group Study Guide for April 19, 2020**  
**Series: “We’ll Get Through This Together”**  
**Message: *Cosmic Sin, Cosmic Solution***

Goal: To see the presence of sin and redemption in this world from cosmic perspective.

Key Verses: *“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.” - John 9:3 (NIV2011)*

1. What new challenges are you facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic? Are you an optimist or a pessimist when you think about the future? What comfort does it give you to know that we are all in this together? (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
  
2. Review the story of the man born blind in John 9:1-12. What does the question of the disciples in verse 2 reveal about their view of sin and suffering? Can suffering always be pinpointed to personal sin? In what ways has sin harmed the whole created order? (Genesis 3:14-19; Romans 8:19-22)
  
3. Read John 3:16-18 with fresh eyes. What does the Bible teach us about God’s love for the whole world and his plan of redemption and renewal? (Isaiah 35:1-2 and Isaiah 65:17-25)
  
4. Read the key verse above - John 9:3. What changes when you consider the possibility that the coronavirus crisis happened so that the works of God might be displayed in you?
  
5. Read James 1:2-4. What attitude does James encourage us to adopt when we face trials? What is the end result of perseverance through pain? How can pain be an expression of God’s love for us? (Hebrews 12:7-11)
  
6. Read Galatians 6:9-10. What is the danger that Paul identifies when we face trials? What might help you get through this crisis so that you don’t give up?
  
7. How does it help you to know that God doesn’t waste pain and trouble? (Romans 8:28) In what ways is the answer to the question “Who is in control?” more important than the answer to the question “Why did this happen?”