

Things

Jesus

Never

Said

You Won't Have Bad Days.

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

Focal Point

Jesus told us that living the Christian life isn't always easy. In fact, he told us to take up our cross and follow him. That implies that life will be a struggle. So should we be that surprised when it is?

Scripture

Read aloud from the Acts of the Apostles. Then read aloud two more times. Ask the group what words or phrases jump out at them and why.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had so many things go wrong that all you could do was laugh? What happened?
2. What are some reasons God might have for not shielding us from all pain and suffering?
3. What are some benefits of a faith that's been tested?
4. How can we help other people find peace in the midst of pain?

Application

There are times we cannot be the person we want to be, or God wants us to be, or have the kind of faith we want to have without going through challenging and difficult days. Our purpose in life may never be found without some pain, so the pain you are experiencing today, the struggles, hardships, and disappointments might all be the road that will take you where God wants you to be.

