**Psalm 116**

**“Obedient Suffering”**

**Discussion Questions**

1. Have you been ‘advised’ in some crazy direction when facing challenges or suffering? Share that counsel.
2. Point out some of the contrasts you see regarding suffering from the text.
3. Picture the scene of Jesus and the other disciples in the upper room the night before his crucifixion. Now reread the Psalm and think about how Jesus might have felt reciting or singing it. Share any points that stood out to you.
4. Since Jesus was sinless and he suffered a lot, what does that teach us about the nature of suffering?
5. Have you ever thought of suffering as being positive? Can you begin to do so now? Explain why or why not.
6. What does verse 15 teach us about some of the worse suffering – death?
7. C.S. Lewis wrote in The Problem of Pain “We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” Have you been roused by pain? How so?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 talk about what you learn regarding suffering here.
9. How can we help “fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen?”