



Loss and suffering are represented in nearly every book of the Bible. Yet it's a subject that seems to catch us off guard whenever we experience it. So, why not explore the subject just as if we were exploring grace or redemption? As we navigate life, we soon find ourselves needing a theology of loss. InWord's study, *Lossology 101*, as the title suggests, provides a first-look into what God's Word says on the subjects of loss and suffering and gives students an opportunity to develop their personal theology on the subject.

While not every book of the Bible is represented in the study, it does cover ground from the Fall in Genesis to restoration in Revelation.

## BUILDING BLOCKS OF LOSS THEOLOGY

### **SESSION 1** *The Anatomy of the Fall*

What does it mean when we answer tragedy and loss with "Well, we live in a fallen world"?

### **SESSION 2** *Cain Reaction*

How can the first evil act, Cain vs. Abel, prepare us for understanding the consequences of the Fall?

### **SESSION 3** *Frontloading Loss: Examples and Expectations*

In Acts 12 Peter and James are imprisoned. Peter is freed. James is killed. What gives?

### **SESSION 4** *The Holy Snort Cry*

God may not remove our suffering, but He is with us in our suffering. That's huge.

### **SESSION 5** *God Redeems the Pain. Really?*

It's a comforting thought that God redeems the pain. But is it true? If so, how does it work?

### **SESSION 6** *The Promise of Hope: It's Worth It!*

God knows where this is all going to end up, which might explain His apparent silence.

### **SESSION 7** *How Do We Respond?*

The most famous sufferer of all time gives us an example of how to respond to suffering. It may not be what you think.