



Discussion Guide for “Wall-E” *Strangers in a Strange Land* Week 2

Much sci-fi is about the promise of a pain-free life. But Wall-E points out that a pain-free life might not actually lead to our flourishing. Peter opens his letter to suffering Christians by reframing how they understand the pain they’re experiencing. He invites them to see their pain as an invitation into Jesus’ crucifixion. He illustrates how God works through pain to make us whole.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

[Psalm 16](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. Imagine you had lived 100 years ago. What technologies would you miss most? What about 500 years ago? 1,000 years ago? What technologies are you most grateful for? Why?
2. What are some ways you avoid pain in your personal life? How do we avoid pain as a culture?
3. In 1 Peter, the writer doesn’t say that God causes pain, but rather that God will work through pain to refine us. Why is this distinction important?
4. Why does God need to refine us? What are some ways you have been refined through pain?
5. What does it look like for you to trust God through a difficult time this week?