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could
ASK GOD
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QUESTION

STUDY GUIDE | APRIL 25, 2021

WHY SO MUCH EVIL AND SUFFERING?

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- Creation and fall.
- The ultimate renewal of the world.
- Jesus and the wounds of God.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. Have you ever wrestled with the question of why there is so much evil and suffering in the world?
3. Pastor Steve shared three powerful biblical images to give us perspective on suffering:
 - Creation and fall
 - The ultimate renewal of the world
 - Jesus and the wounds of God

Which of these images do you resonate with the most?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. Paul experienced tremendous suffering and adversity. What perspectives on suffering does he share in this passage? What difference would it make for you to see your own suffering through these perspectives?
5. Read Isaiah 53:3-6. This passage describes Jesus as the Suffering Servant. What are some ways in this passage that Jesus personally experienced suffering?

6. Pastor Steve says:

Of all the world religions, only the Christian faith teaches that when we turned from God, God did not abandon us, but came to earth in Jesus Christ and himself became subject to suffering and death. While there are no easy answers for why God allows suffering, at least we know what the reason for this world's suffering is not. It cannot be that God doesn't love us. He understands, he's been there himself, he's with us even now, and he assures us that he has a plan to eventually wipe away every tear.

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How does knowing that Jesus himself suffered and promises to be with you in your suffering encourage you?

How can you remind yourself of Jesus' love and presence even when things are difficult?

7. How can you help to alleviate suffering in the world in a practical way this week?

LET'S PRAY

Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

JOIN THE DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us on Wednesday, April 28th at 8:00 pm for a deeper dive into "What Happens When I Die". You will hear from the pastors, meet others and ask any question you may have.

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