

God If You Care, Why Do You Allow Evil?

"God, Do You Care?"

Finding God in the Most Difficult Places

April 11, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Context:

The world is, in many ways, a turbulent place. It's a sorrowful place. It's a place that provides a frightening amount of risk everywhere you look. From a terrible shooting in Atlanta to even more carnage in a Boulder supermarket, the presence of evil is impossible to ignore. Yet God claims to be sovereign and good. How do we reconcile these truths?

In this series, we'll explore varying topics that are difficult to grapple with, such as injustice, suffering, God's accessibility, and more. The goal is to help you discover the grace and majesty of God, even in the most difficult places, and to help you better understand that God really does care!

Key Scripture -

Genesis 50:18-21

His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

3. The existence of evil in the world provided the opportunity for God's glory to shine brightly. Without the presence of evil, his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, could not have suffered and died for sin. God loves you so much, that he set up a scenario by which you could be saved through belief in the atoning death of the Son of God. Why would God go to all of this trouble to save mankind, when it clearly is evil and sinful? Why do you think he chose to save you? Are you intent on telling others that they, too, can be saved?

AS A GROUP PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH

1. To reach our financial goal of \$29,000 per week.
2. For continued favor as we seek to start a new pre-school and build a playground to support it. The goal is for registrations to begin by January of 2022.
3. For many more salvations and baptisms.
4. That Ridgewood Church will be a blessing to our community and that many lives will be changed through its various ministries.

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC

God, If You Care Why Do You Allow Suffering?

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Acts 26:22-23

