

God, if You Care Why Did You Allow COVID-19 to Ravage the World?

God, Do You Care?

Finding God in the Most Difficult Places

May 2, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Context:

COVID-19 has delivered a devastating blow. While it can be dangerous to try and pretend to know what God is thinking, it's safe to say that God is allowing this virus to take its toll for at least three reasons: It causes us to revisit our relationship with God. It causes us to long for heaven. And it allows God to glorify himself.

Why has God allowed COVID-19? Because peril will cause you to seek a place of safety. After a rug of security is pulled out from underneath you, you will look for refuge. God is that safe place. COVID-19 has created an opportunity for you to run to him. And when you do, he'll hold on to you forever!

Key Scripture -

Psalm 119:65-67

⁶⁵You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. ⁶⁶Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. ⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

- 1. The Psalmist wrote about his admiration for God and his Word. What did belief in the Bible do in the life of the writer? Where was his life headed before affliction struck and he got serious about discovering more about God?**

- 2. How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your spiritual life? Describe the ways that your relationship with God have changed?**

- 3. In light of the suffering and change that you see around you, what is God calling you to do? Do you feel that, in the past year, you have taken steps toward, or away from, God? If you are further away from him, now is the time to make your relationship right. You can run to God. Forgiveness will be yours. He'll hold on to you forever.**



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

1. Please ask God to provide for our financial needs coming out of COVID-19. Please pray for giving in the amount of \$29,000 per week so we can fully fund our missionaries, give the staff the resources it needs, and continue to make Jesus known. COVID-19 has caused a slow start in the area of tithing and we need God to help us.
2. Please pray that God will bless the process of starting a Ridgewood Church Pre-School, and that we might begin registering families by January of 2022.
3. Go before God and pray for 25 new believers by the end of 2021. God can do anything. The world needs Jesus. There's nothing more important than this!

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC

Women: God's Gracious Gift

A Special Mother's Day Message

Acts 9: The Life and Ministry of Tabitha

