

Shepherd Notes

I hope you're enjoying our series "Questions we'd ask God". Today we tackle our 2nd big question. If God has the power to eradicate evil and suffering, then why doesn't he do it? Why does He allow innocent people to endure so much pain and suffering? Couldn't things have worked out in a less tragic way? Even as we grieve for the evils of today's world, we can rejoice in our hope in Jesus Christ. We still grieve but we grieve with hope and faith in Jesus Christ. Hope you enjoy today's message.

Always pulling for you.

Pastor Luis

Based on today's message how would you answer the following questions?

1. How would you describe, in your own words, what the classic "problem of evil" is? (Big hint: it involves an apparent contradiction.)
2. If you were God, what would you do to deal with suffering and evil? How would you design humans and the world different?
3. If God knew that the gifts of freedom, power, and individual importance would be abused and that this abuse would cause such terrible sufferings, then why did he give these gifts? What would the consequences be if He took them away?
4. Read Matthew 11:28-29; 1 Corinthians 10:13 and Romans 8:28. What promises does God make concerning suffering?
5. What is the Christians role towards those who suffer? How might we as a church community better support one another in our times of need?

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