

Asking for a Friend
Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?
Romans 3:21-26

INTRODUCTION: We all have tough questions we want answered. Questions about our life of faith, questions about God and questions about the Bible. But sometimes we are afraid to ask the tough questions because we feel like we are “supposed” to know the answer. The truth is we are all wrestling with these tough questions of faith and we will work to find the answers together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When we have hurt someone that we care about sometimes we try to make up for it by giving them something or doing something special for them. Share a time when you tried to make up for something you have done with a gift or by doing something for that person? When has someone done that for you?
2. Have you ever wondered why do bad things happen to good people? If so share when that was?
3. When something bad or hurtful happens in our lives we do our best to understand why and to make meaning out of it. What is one thing that happens in our lives that you wish you could understand better?
4. Read Genesis 3:1-7
 - This story tells about the first sin and what happened because of it. Eve was tempted by the serpent. What is one thing you are tempted to do even though you know it might not be good for you?
5. Read Romans 3:21-26
 - Paul reminds us that all have fallen short and we all sin, none of us are perfect or without sin. How does knowing that help you extend grace to yourself? And to others?
 - Jesus entered our brokenness and sin and gives us his grace as a gift. How can this message give us hope in the midst of our questions and trying to make sense of the hurtful and bad things of this world?

KEEPING IN STEP

We do our best to find meaning in everything that happens in our lives and when we can't it may be a time to simply rest in the tension of the moment, trusting that God has experienced all that we experience and never leaves our side.