

LIFE GROUP SERMON APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sermon: Acts 6+ | Acts Excursus: Why Does God Allow Evil?

March 17, 2024



START with this discussion question: How would you explain that God is good even though evil exists and is easily seen and felt in this world?

1. Read Isaiah 5:20 and discuss what this verse means.
2. Pastor Chris said, *"God owes us no apology or explanation for who He is, what He does, or how He does it"*. Discuss this statement.
 - a. Read and discuss these passages one at a time:
 - Psalm 115:3
 - Jeremiah 18:1-6
 - Romans 9:14-24
3. We defined evil as *"that which is opposite to the nature, character, and will of God. It is the distortion of what is good"*. Discuss this.
4. Discuss your notes and takeaways from the section "Why does evil exist?"
 - a. What did Pastor Chris mean by the statement *"Christianity has the best definition of evil because it has the best definition of good"*.
 - Discuss this C.S. Lewis quote: *"if a thing is free to be good it is also free to be bad"*.
5. Discuss the statement *"most people don't struggle with God's "God-ness" -- they struggle with God's goodness"*.
 - Discuss the statement *"for any evil God allows, He has a morally justifiable and sufficient reason for it"*.
6. Review and discuss the four keys to living as a child of God in a world with evil.



CLOSE your time in prayer together using this format:

- Praise and prayers of adoration/praise/thanksgiving to God. Pray for those in and out of our church who are feeling the pain and suffering from evil currently.
- Pray to be believers that live in the power of the Holy Spirit (PRAY | YIELD | FILLED | REPEAT)
- Pray that Living Hope would indeed be unified in Jesus and truth and of one heart and soul.
- Pray for the needs of others outside of your group.
- Pray for the needs of the people in your group.