

Why Did God Let It Happen?

Psalms 73:11-14

Tough Questions Week 1

“If God is not _____ to prevent evil, then He’s not _____”

“If God is not _____ to prevent evil, then He’s not all _____.”

“If God is both _____ and _____ to prevent evil, then why does evil _____?” - Epicurus

Christianity makes _____ of, gives _____ to, and offers a _____ for the _____ and _____ we experience.

“What does God know?” they ask. “Does the Most High even know what’s happening?”¹² Look at these wicked people—enjoying a life of ease while their riches multiply. ¹³Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason? ¹⁴I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain.” - Psalm 73:11-14 NLT

Q: If God is _____, then why would He allow _____?

A: If love is a _____, _____ is a possibility.

Q: If there is no God, who decides there’s evil?

Q: Why do bad things happen to good people?

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” - Revelation 21:4 NLT

“When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply ¹⁷till I entered the sanctuary of God ... ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” - Psalm 73:16-17, 26 NIV

Digging Deeper & Life Application:

- Read Revelation 21:4...How does knowing that suffering is temporary influence the way you view it?
- Is there a time when you saw God use a painful part of your story for good. What was that experience like?