

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHILD DEDICATION - MAY 10TH

If you would like to have your child dedicated here at Westbridge Church, join us on Mother's Day Weekend as we dedicate kids in each service. Scan the QR code for info!

WATER BAPTISM BEEBE LAKE - JULY 12TH

Our next opportunity for Baptism will be on Sunday, July 12th following the morning services at Beebe Lake! Scan the QR code to learn more and to sign up!



PERSONAL NOTES:

LIFE GROUPS:

CHECK OUT A LIFE GROUP!

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!



MESSAGE NOTES

Bumper Sticker Theology // Week 2

Dumb beliefs have CONSEQUENCES because they impact and inform how we LIVE.

Bumper Sticker Belief:

"Everything happens for a REASON."

Foundational belief beneath the surface:

"God CONTROLS everything."

*About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. "Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?" Jesus asked. "Is that why they suffered? Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem? No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too." **Luke 13:1-5***

Damage this belief causes:

It destroys the possibility of a LOVING relationship with God.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and growing in our faith!

April 16th / 19th, 2026

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WARM UP

1. What's a "bumper sticker belief" you've heard (funny or serious) that people tend to believe without really thinking about it?

2. When you hear the phrase "*Everything happens for a reason*," what is your honest gut reaction?

2

KNOW IT

1. Read **Luke 13:1-5**. According to Jesus, what is *not* the reason bad things happen? How does this passage challenge the notion that God causes everything for a specific reason?

2. Read **Romans 8:18-23**. According to these verses, why is the world not the way it should be? How does understanding a "fallen world" help explain suffering without blaming God?

3. Read **Romans 8:28**. In what ways have you seen this verse misunderstood or twisted?

4. Read **Romans 8:31-39**. What hope do you find in these verses?

3

SHARE IT

1. Have you ever gone through something painful where someone told you, "*Everything happens for a reason*"? How did that impact you?

2. Is there an area of your life where you've been tempted to blame God for something difficult?

3. When have you seen God bring something *good* out of a hard situation in your life?

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LIVE IT

1. What is one current situation in your life where you need to trust that God is working *through it* rather than *causing it*?

2. Is there any resentment or anger toward God you need to bring honestly to him?

3. What would repentance look like for you right now in your life?

4. What is one practical way you can pursue God this week, even in the middle of something hard?