

The Dark Side of Easter



Frustrated With God

When dreams don't come true, we turn our frustrations toward God. When things don't work out, nothing goes our way, and everyone else seems to have lives we can only dream of, we turn our frustrations toward God . . . or we stop believing. If you were taught to believe in a personal God who is all-knowing and all-powerful, how can you not turn your frustration on him when life gets difficult?

- 1. What are you praying about in your life right now? How long have you been waiting for an answer from God?**
- 2. Why do you think we're tempted to assume God should make our lives easy? What are some ways that assumption influences the way we view God?**
- 3. Have you ever known someone who maintained a strong faith in God despite his or her difficult circumstances? If so, how did that person's faith influence your relationship with God?**
- 4. Talk about a time when your disappointment with life made you frustrated with God. What did you do?**
- 5. If you choose to trust him, God can bring good from what life has thrown at you as well. Is it difficult for you to believe that? Why or why not?**
- 6. Are there circumstances in your life right now that you need to surrender to God? If so, what is one thing you can do this week to begin to open your hands to your heavenly Father? How can this group support you?**