



Nagging Questions wk1: Why did God allow it?

Introduction: Pep rallies can be fun. They pump people up with encouragement and excitement, then turn them loose. It's fine for sports, but it's not what we want to do with church. We want to both encourage the faithful while helping grow faith. Sometimes we have to answer questions to be able to do it. This series is about those questions.

Discussion Questions

1. If you have (or had) a doubt or a question when it comes to God or the church, where do you go for answers? Do you think people are comfortable asking or answering questions about faith and doubt in church?
2. One of the more common objections that are raised about God centers on evil and suffering. The thinking is that if God can't stop it, he is not all powerful. If He can, but doesn't – He must not be good. Have you heard that type of thinking before? How do you respond if so?
3. Read **Psalm 73:1-2 & 11** This worship leader is frustrated that the people who do evil seem to prosper and he seems like he's slipping. He asks (through the voice of those doing evil) if God even knows. Have you ever wondered why God seems to let people get away with evil?
4. Read **Romans 3:23** According to Paul, according to God – are there any “good people?” Why do we tend not to think of ourselves as “evil?” Is that accurate?
5. In the sermon, it was said that “if love is a choice, suffering is a possibility.”
6. What does it say about God and suffering that he didn't spare Jesus from suffering?
7. Have you ever experienced the presence of God when going through a difficult time? Can you share?

Shaping Your Mind – *In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*” John 16:33b

Moving Forward – We live in the “already, but not yet.” Better is coming, rest in His presence today.