

I've Got Questions: Why does God allow evil in the world?

(Romans 5:12-21)

Opening Discussion: When has the problem of evil in the world become the most real for you? When non-believers are faced with the same reality, what is their response?

Big Idea: The _____ we see is the result of sin and isn't God's _____, but God has a _____.

1. **Main Point #1** - The _____ of evil is the result of one man..._____.

For further discussion: What does Paul tell us about the source of sin and death in the world? What are the consequence of the one man's sin on the rest of humanity? (See Genesis 3:15-19: How would you describe the consequences of original sin? How could these consequences lead to the sin and evil we see in the world today? Why is it significant that God provided a solution at all? Why is it so important that we "admit" this problem before we believe in the solution?)

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2. **Main Point #2** – The _____ to evil is one man..._____.

For further discussion: How does Paul contrast the sin of Adam with the righteousness of Jesus? How is Jesus the solution? What must we do to embrace that solution? (See Romans 6:23: What does Paul tell us about the benefits for us that come from the righteousness of Jesus? Why is it significant that in both Romans 5 and 6 that Paul emphasizes that this is a free gift?)

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Response: Have you _____ the only _____ to evil or are you still looking? Are you ready to look only to _____?

For further discussion: As the world is faced with the reality of the existence of evil, Christians have more and more opportunities to share the solution of Jesus. Have you ever shared about Jesus? If so, consider sharing your experience with your life group or in discussion with another believer. How can we keep the reality of evil and the answer of Jesus in the forefront of our minds? Who is someone that you know that needs to know about the answer of Jesus?