

But Why?
Week 1
**Why Do Bad Things
Happen To Good People??**

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

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

*... “My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?”* Matthew 27:46 NIV

*For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.*
John 3:16 NIV

*“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 till I entered
the sanctuary of God ... My flesh
and my heart may fail, but God is
the strength of my heart and my
portion forever.*
Psalm 73:16-17, 26 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share something great that happened this week.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- When you have difficult questions about God, what is your process for finding answers? How does that process impact your faith?
- Read **Revelation 21:4**. How does knowing that suffering is temporary influence the way you view it?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Talk about a Bible story or Scripture that comes to mind when you think about evil and suffering. What can you learn about God from that story?
- Share about a time when you saw God use a painful part of your story for good. What was that experience like?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, sometimes we’ve wondered how You can be good all the time, especially when we see or experience pain. Thank You for being bigger than our feelings and for giving us the gift of Jesus. Please be with us in our doubts and questions and use it all to bring us closer to You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- If you’re hurting and wondering where God is right now, lean on your Group. Talk about what’s going on and how you can walk together in this season.