

U N A N S W E R E D

UNANSWERED: Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?

Objective: [1 minute]

To discover that God desires to be near to us when dealing with hard questions. Although we live in a broken world and possess a sinful nature, Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to any pain we feel.

Theme Verse: [1 minute]

2 Corinthians 1:3

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort."

Group Time: [15 minutes]

This would be an amazing opportunity for an Icebreaker to get everyone sharing and involved. Leaders should set the tone by volunteering to "go first" if necessary. Make sure to include time to introduce new group members. Make this time fun and light in order to create a comfortable environment.

Weekly Video: [8 minutes]

Discussion: [40 minutes]

Action: [5 minutes]

Perhaps close your group with a short time of reflection & silence or perhaps put on worship music for a few minutes and invite God to come in, speak, and minister to your group after your time of discussion.

Prayer: [10 minutes]

As you close the group session, pray together as a group and encourage group members to join you for the next scheduled Small Group. Remember, your group should be a safe place to share.

Key Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever experienced a time where you or someone close to you has asked "Why do bad things happen to Good People?" If yes, share your story with your group.
2. In his message, Pastor Johnson refers to the fact that there is none "GOOD" but Jesus, why is this truth important to how we handle this hard question?
3. Many people have answered the "why" with ungodly or unbiblical answers (ex. "God needed them more in Heaven than we did on earth" etc.) What are some examples of this that you have heard and why can that be damaging?
4. How can we individually or corporately be involved in helping others through their pain & loss? Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 and consider how it helps us to answer this question.

We encourage you to take note of the Action Item for this week and allow God to minister to your group as you consider this discussion and potential opportunities to pray for one another.

Additional Resource: <http://bit.ly/2HlAcfG> - Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties (Gleason Archer)