

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

Why Evil?

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For all Rock Church events, please visit <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>
2. Let your friends know that they can always live stream the Rock Church Sunday worship experience by visiting <http://www.therocksandiego.org/live/>.

## MEMORY VERSES

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Gen. 1:27 ESV)

“And the Lord God commanded the man saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’” (Gen. 2:16-17 ESV)

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN? (WHY EVIL?)

### Getting Started

1. Review the 4 points of “Jesus’ Own Claims” as listed in the lesson plan:
  1. God created everything **good**. *Genesis 1-2*
  2. God created man with the **freedom** to choose good or evil. *Genesis 3:1-13*
  3. Man rebelled against God and chose **evil**, which leads to death. *John 3:16*
  4. Man has the freedom to trust God to **guide** us through our pain. *2 Corinthians 5:21*
2. What point from the lesson plan stood out to you the most and why?

## Digging Deeper

The discussion is going to focus primarily on how evil affects us in our daily lives. This could be personal experiences, family situations, etc. This is designed to get a personal understanding of evil and sin. In the following weeks we will examine what the Bible speaks about these issues.

1. Look up and read the following verses and discuss the biblical view of evil and sin.

The Bible uses the word "sin" 764 times in 656 verses. The following are few examples:

- Gen 4:7
- Rom. 2:12, 5:12
- 1 Cor. 6:18
- James 1:15
- 2 Pet. 2:4
- 1 John 1:8

Note: We should define sin and evil in a similar way; **any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.**

2. Do you view sin and evil in the same light every time? Why do you think they should or shouldn't be defined together? Give examples if possible.
3. Describe a time when sin/evil was very real in your life. How did you respond? Do you still feel the same way, or has your view changed?

Use the verses listed in #1 to provide support if necessary.