

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

Why Me?

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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/>.
3. Small Group New Leader Orientation is this Sunday July 31st from 2-4 in room 252. If you know someone in your group that has expressed interest in leading a group, and you feel they are ready to start leading please have them contact John at john.darrow@therocksandiego.org, or Nicole at nicole.moser@therocksandiego.org.

MEMORY VERSES

“When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.” (Daniel 6:10 ESV)

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

Getting Started

1. Review the 3 points of “Why Me?” as listed in the lesson plan:
 1. Establish bulletproof spiritual **disciplines**.
Make integrity a permanent part of your life. Daniel 6:10
 2. Maintain your **integrity** before God and man. *Daniel 6:22*
 3. Trust that God will take **vengeance** on your enemies. *Daniel 6:24-28*
2. Were there any points from the message that stood out to you?

Digging Deeper

How many times do you ask the question “Why Me?” We all do it, and yet there is still a void for an answer sometimes. Scripture explains the purpose for bad things and sometimes why they actually happen, but when it happens directly to us, there is a huge amount of uncertainty and confusion. Let this week be a week of reflection of the sermon. Let’s look at each point of the lesson plan and try to discuss personal response and reflection.

1. *“Establish bulletproof spiritual disciplines.”* What are some disciplines that you do very well, and what are some others that you feel you struggle with doing, and would like to improve, and why?

The following are biblical examples of the certain disciplines:

- Prayer – Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:1; 1 Pet. 3:12
- Study Scripture – Phil. 3:10-11; Eph. 5:17; Heb. 11:3
- Worship – Psalm 96:9, 99:5; John 4:22-24

There are other disciples, but these are three most often associated with “spiritual disciplines”.

2. *“Maintain your integrity before God and man.”* What is your integrity look like before God and man?

Often people think that it doesn’t matter what man thinks, but only God. This isn’t necessarily true all the time. How do you respond to human correction and confrontation? How does you feel this would make you a better person, and improve your relationship with Jesus?

Integrity is defined as the following:

- Adherence to moral and [ethical](#) principles; soundness of moral character; honesty.
- The state of being whole, entire, or undiminished: to preserve the integrity of the empire.

3. *“Trust that God will take vengeance on your enemies.”* Do you really believe the Lord will “take vengeance” on those that trouble or persecute you? How do you respond that statement?

Refer Rom. 12:19 and Heb. 10:30-31