



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

THE ENEMY OF FAITH IS NOT DOUBT; IT IS UNEXPRESSED DOUBT. THE CHURCH SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN ASK “BUT WHAT ABOUT...?” AND FACE SOME OF FAITH’S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS WITH HONESTY AND CONVICTION. THAT’S WHAT THIS SERIES WILL DO.

1 For some the problem of evil is an intellectual dilemma, but for many it is birthed in a much more experiential place of pain. Which of these has been more true for you?

2 THE PROBLEM OF EVIL... doesn’t exist if God doesn’t exist. If there is no God, shouldn’t injustice be the norm? How does the problem of evil actually argue for the existence of God?

3 THE PROBLEM OF EVIL... does exist because freedom exists. Rick argued that God did not create evil, but He did create the possibility of evil by giving mankind freedom to choose. Agree or disagree? To what degree should God take responsibility for the evil in the world and to what degree should we take responsibility?

4 God created only the possibility of evil. Jesus reminded his first followers that they too would face trouble. **Read John 16:33.** The early Christians expected bad things to happen to good people. Why do people think it would be otherwise?

5 God reigns over evil and can bring good out of it. Read Genesis 50:20 & Romans 8:28. Some find that suffering and injustice actually increased their faith. Can you give any examples of that happening in your own life?

6 God experienced evil in the person of Jesus. Christianity presents the unprecedented notion of a suffering God. God understands. Why must we as Christians never wrestle with “the problem of evil” without first connecting it to the gospel—God entering His creation and experiencing suffering as a human being on the cross to overcome evil?

7 God will ultimately judge and eradicate all evil. God promises to ultimately judge and remove all evil. Why does He wait, and how does knowing what He will do affect our waiting?

8 God calls us to face and conquer evil through sacrificial love. Read Romans 12:21. The Bible doesn’t explain evil as much as it calls us to resist it. What are some practical things we can do today to follow the example of Jesus in overcoming evil with good?

