

4. Why is it that we're suffering, or when someone we love is suffering, we don't need a victimized God, we need a God who is great and powerful?

5. Jesus demonstrates great power under control. The only reason what happens happens is because he allows it to happen. Why does he allow it to happen?

6. In times when God's goodness seems at best to be a distant truth, how might we experience his good afresh and help each other do so?

As you pray with your small group, spend some time praying for someone you know who has never experienced the goodness of God personally in their lives.

The Road to the Resurrection

"Is God's Good Good for Me?"

Luke 22:63-23:12

The great God is good and his good is _____ for you.

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_____.

1. Is God really in _____?

Luke 24:64-65

Luke 18: ³¹ Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult

him and spit on him; ³³ they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again." Everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

As they are _____ him to prophesy and beating him, they are fulfilling his prophesy.

This is all part of the _____. This isn't evil in control. God is still in control. (Luke 22:69-70)

Matthew 26: ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

2. Is God really _____?

Signs of God's goodness:

- God wants us to _____ his goodness.

He wants us to _____ for ourselves that he's good because he wants a loving relationship with us.

- God's goodness is seen in his desire to _____ with our suffering by experiencing it firsthand.

Hebrews 4: ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 12: ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

3. Is God's good good for _____?

"Herod and his men dressed Jesus in a royal robe as a mocking response to His claim to be a king. But when a Christian thinks about Jesus in that robe, enduring the taunts and ridicule of the soldiers, we see the proof that Jesus is the heroic King we've always wanted. He is the One who is great and who is good. He alone is worthy of all our allegiance and trust, both in all the difficulties in all the details of our lives today, and as we face our eternal destiny. He's the King. And He's our King." (Mike McKinley)

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What are some of the ways we stand in judgment over God?

3. Read Luke 22:63-23:12. What are some of the ways we see human evil brutalizing God?