



into LIFE Study guide



The Problem of Evil

For Individuals and Life Groups

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Introduction:

Are we alone in a purposeless universe or is there some kind of creator – some kind of higher power out there? Why do bad things happen to good people? These are questions that many of us have asked.

The problem of evil has often been used as an argument to disprove the existence of God. In helping to frame this conversation read one response to this from Ravi Zacharias, “When you say there's too much evil in this world you assume there's good. When you assume there's good, you assume there's such a thing as a moral law on the basis of which to differentiate between good and evil. But if you assume a moral law, you must posit a moral Law Giver, but that's Who you're trying to disprove and not prove. Because if there's no moral Law Giver, there's no moral law. If there's no moral law, there's no good?”

What questions does the problem of evil raise for you?



Into the scriptures

Read: 1 John 1:5-2:2

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What does this passage reveal God? What does it reveal about Us?

What call to action is there in this passage?

What does this passage reveal about God and evil?



Into my life



What kind of person is this passage calling you to be? What encouragement and challenge are there for you from 1 John?

When you think of this passage in light of your own life, what does it reveal? Are there areas of sin you need to confess? How does Jesus bring you encouragement/

How do you respond to Jesus being your advocate?

Jesus paid the price that our sin deserved, he satisfied God's requirement for sin (Atonement / Romans 6:23; 1 John 4:10). How will you respond to this incredible gift?

How will you be different today because of what you have just read?



Into the world



What area of darkness is God asking you to bring light to? As an individual? As a group? (Pray for each other in this)

Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From Nehemiah my challenge this week is to:

More Resources for personal and group use:

- Thinking? Answering Life's Five Biggest Questions, by Andy Steiger
- The Atheist Who Didn't Exist, by Andy Bannister
- burningquestions.ca
- Five more "Burning Questions" (five weeks)

A little about Westwood Church...

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By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

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GATHER

Sunday mornings
to celebrate and
learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that
go deeper in relation-
ships with each other
and God



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Serving in the church
and community to
present Jesus to the
world