



Sermon Notes

Sermon: **"Where is God in the Midst of Tragedy"**

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The Answer:

1. God created us to be _____ and to live _____, building civilization as stewards of the world. Genesis 1-2
2. God gave us the moral capability to _____ good and evil. He gave us freedom to be free beings. Genesis 1-2
3. Starting with the very first humans, we have all chosen to be _____. Evil came into this world because of human immorality. Genesis 3
4. In His wisdom, God chose to come to Earth as a human named _____. He lived a good, loving and productive life – all to God's glory. Then He died for our sins and rose again as Savior of all who will follow Him by faith. Genesis 3 – Revelation 22

"The Lord...is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."
– 2Peter 3:9 NIV

5. Jesus will _____ one day and eradicate evil from the face of the earth.
1 Thessalonians 4:6



Life Group Questions

PRAYER REQUESTS:

YOUR STORY:

1. What is one great story that you can share from your experience at the HBChurch Pumpkin Patch?

2. What is one big thing that you took away from Sunday's worship service and sermon?

DIGGING DEEPER:

3. The Bible says in Hebrews 4:14-15, *We have a great high priest, who has gone into heaven, and he is Jesus the Son of God. That is why we must hold on to what we have said about him. 15 Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin!*

Tragedy causes some people to doubt God and others to run to God for refuge. In your life experiences has tragedy strengthened your resolve to trust God or has it tempted you to doubt God?

4. The Bible promises us that one day God will eradicate evil from the world! He will do this by removing all people who chose to love sin and evil rather than loving God and His goodness. Turn to each of these passages as a LIFEgroup and read 2 Thessalonians 1:7-12 and 2 Peter 3:7-18 and Revelation 21:1-11, 22-27.

Without debating different views of end-time prophecies, discuss with your LIFEgroup how the fact that Jesus will one day return and end evil should impact the way we live right now.

****For even deeper study, read HBChurch's doctrinal statement at <http://hbchurch.net/doctrines/> and pay close attention to articles IX and X that discuss the return of Jesus Christ to judge sin and evil.**

APPLICATION:

5. With Jesus as our Forgiver and Leader, we can confront evil in all its forms with the gospel. It starts with letting Him change our heart – until we hate sin and love righteousness as much as He does. As Jesus followers, filled with His Spirit, we are empowered to live good, loving, productive lives. Spend time in prayer asking God to help you and HBChurch to be difference makers in this world.