



# Life Group Discussion Guide

## April 12: Can I Ask That? Why do bad things happen to good people?

### Icebreakers:

What's something you used to think should have a simple explanation, but later realized was more complicated than you expected?

When something frustrating or unexpected happens, are you more likely to ask, 'Why is this happening?' or 'What do I do next?'

### Discussion Questions:

*Every group is different! As you prepare, choose the questions that best fit your group, focusing on those that spark meaningful conversation. Don't rush—depth is better than distance. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion!*

**Big Idea:** The question is WHY. The resolution is WHO.

1. When you hear the question "Why do bad things happen to good people?"—what's your gut reaction?
  - a. What part of the sermon or idea stood out to you most? Why?
  - b. What felt new, challenging, or different from how you've thought before?
  - c. What part was hardest to understand or accept?
2. What's a "why" question you have asked God (or are still asking)?
3. **Read Hosea 6:6.** Love requires a choice and free will which is the origin of evil.
  - a. How did the idea that **love requires freedom** challenge or clarify your understanding of suffering?
4. Have you ever wrestled with the: "If God is good and powerful, why doesn't He stop this?" What did that look like for you?
  - a. Which is harder for you to trust right now: that God is good, or that He's in control? Why?

5. God's justice and love are on display in the stories of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18-19) and in the parable of the weeds in Matthew 13. How do these stories affect your view of God's justice and love?
6. Where in your life are you still looking for an explanation instead of trusting God in the middle of it?
7. Why is it easier to compare ourselves to others than to God's standard?
  - a. **Read Romans 3:10-12.**
  - b. How does this passage challenge the idea that "good people deserve better"?
8. Have you ever felt like you didn't deserve something painful that happened to you?
  - a. How did you process that feeling?
  - b. How did this message change the way you might process that feeling?
9. The message said: "*God's answer to suffering wasn't a reason, it was a rescue.*"
  - a. Do you feel like God is close to you in your pain, or distant? What has shaped that perception?
  - b. What does it mean to you that God didn't stay distant from pain?
10. Read **Hebrews 2:12** and **2 Corinthians 5:21**. How does knowing that Jesus endured evil and ended death change the way you view suffering today?
11. Where in your life are you still looking for a "why?"
  - a. What could it look like for you to move from "why" to "who" this week?
  - b. What would it look like—not to have that answer—but to hold onto Jesus in the middle of it?

## **What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:**

More details on these events can be found at [lcc.org/whats-happening](http://lcc.org/whats-happening)

### **All Campus**

- **Graddy's:** May 3. Celebrate our graduating seniors during Legacy's worship services.
- **Kids Week:** June 1-4. 6:30-8:30pm. 4 yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. FREE!
- **CIY MIX:** June 14-18. Grades 6-8. At Encounter Cove (Roach, MO).
- **CIY MOVE:** July 6-10. Grades 9-12. At University of Nebraska.
- **KIDS CAMP:** July 28-29. Grades 2-5. At Prairie Star Ranch.