

(Week of November 2nd)

#### **NOT INTERESTED - I HAVE SEEN TOO MUCH**

## LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

Consider coming up to the stage to pray.

## **ICEBREAKER**

For you: what's a career choice that would drive you crazy?

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

The problem of evil points to the goodness of God.

## **MAIN SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 2-3

## **ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES**

1 Peter 4:12-13 Romans 8:17-18, 28 Philippians 3:8-10 John 16:33

Isaiah 41:10 Psalm 34:18

## **RESOURCES**

Read this <u>article</u> from Desiring God titled, "Five Truths about Christian Suffering."

Watch this <u>video</u> from Dr. Charles Stanley titled "Why Does God Allow Evil, Pain and Suffering?"

# **GRACE EVENTS**

https://www.gracefellowship.cc/events/

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
- 2. What are some common questions people ask when facing suffering or evil? Why?
- 3. What have been some unhelpful answers to the problem of suffering? Why are they unhelpful?
- 4. Read Genesis 2:15-25, 3. Where do you see God's goodness before and after the fall in these chapters? What does this reveal about God's nature?
- 5. Why do you think God gave Adam and Eve a choice at all? How does having free will make real love or faith more authentic?
- 6. What's the difference between God causing evil and God allowing it to exist?
- 7. How can recognizing evil actually deepen our appreciation for God's holiness and goodness?
- 8. How can we wisely "embrace the mystery" that "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him"? (Romans 8:28)
- 9. How can you choose to live differently this week knowing evil doesn't have the last word?

## **ACTION STEP**

Repent from/run to