Why Does God Allow Suffering In This World?

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Message Notes

In the puzzle of life:
God's ways can be hard to understand.

Our responses to the puzzling in life: Run away from God. Deny and make God fit into our puzzle. Tremble and Trust

Jesus helps us to tremble and trust without understanding the "why" of suffering.

Jesus is THE life puzzle piece who completes the entire puzzle of life.

SCRIPTURE

Job 38-42, Isaiah 55:8-9; John 16:33; Romans 8:38-39; Revelation 22:13

Discussion Guide

ENGAGE

- 1. Discuss how you approach doing a jigsaw puzzle.
- 2. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. Share times in life when it has been difficult to understand God's ways.
- 3. When life is puzzling do you
 - A. Run away from God?
 - B. Deny God and make Him fit into your life puzzle?
 - C. Tremble and Trust?
- **4.** Share thoughts on trembling and trusting God at the same time.
- 5. In what ways do you seek the "why" of suffering more than you seek Jesus?

APPLY

Skim through the book of Job this week focusing on Chapters 38-42. What verses stand out to you? Commit to daily going before the Lord in prayer and asking Him how trembling and trusting looks in your life. Be ready to share your experience with your group when you meet again.

PRAY

