

"Why Does God Allow Bad Things to Happen"



Discussion Questions

General

1. Do you remember what the video said about the sources of pain and suffering? (Our own actions, other people's actions, a distorted view of what's good and what's bad)
2. Can you think of an example of when pain is an indicator of a problem (try to think beyond just health conditions)?
3. In addition to the examples given in the video, can you think of any other instances of how human beings are terrible at predicting what makes us happy? (i.e. buyers remorse is an example)
4. Why do YOU think that paraplegic victims referenced in the study may have reported a higher quality of life than the other group of lottery winners?
5. Although it's pure speculation, do you think that Norman Mineta would have succeeded to the level he did without having gone through that experience? Why or why not?

Personal Application

1. Is God trying to get your attention in any area of life?
2. Can you describe any benefits you have experienced in your life as a result of going through a trial or difficulty?
3. What painful experience can you learn from and use to benefit others moving forward?
4. With this perspective in mind that "this life isn't entirely about this life," what can you do to future God's kingdom for the rest of my days on this earth?