

# I Believe in God, but...

Why Do Bad Things Happen?

LifeGroup Lesson

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**OPENING PRAYER:** As a group or a family, please pray for the people in your community who are doubting God's goodness and His power. Pray that God would be present as people who are hurting continue to wrestle with God. If you are hurting, pray that God would help you grow closer to Him and understand His heart.

## **BREAKING THE ICE:**

- In your opinion, why do bad things happen? Do you think God has anything to do with it?
- Can you recall a time where God helped you through a struggle? What happened? How did you grow? How was God glorified?

## **WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:**

Read Hebrews 4:14-16

- In this passage, the author states that Jesus (our High Priest) understands what it is like to suffer. What are some hard things Jesus had to endure? Use your memory or Google "List of Jesus Sufferings".
- Jesus went through a lot so that He could give us a lot. He suffered and died so we could live and thrive! Why is it important to go to God when you are suffering?
- God is all-powerful and all-good. While evil and pain are awful, they won't stand against God. Read Revelation 21. What is God's final plan for evil and pain?
- God can understand your suffering because of Jesus. God will undo suffering in His time. How can those two factors be a comfort to someone who is suffering?

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Pray to God to help you wrestle with the ideas of evil and suffering. God is present in your wrestling. In fact, he welcomes it. Ask God to give you peace and understanding as we continue to wrestle with this next week.