

SINCE YOU ASKED...

When we face suffering, tragedy and death, our natural reaction is to search for answers and explanations, to ask "Why?". We think that understanding Why will bring us peace. But knowledge doesn't save us, it doesn't heal us. In times of suffering, we have the opportunity to draw closer to God, to find the peace that God offers. Knowing why doesn't bring us peace. Only knowing God brings us peace.

Scripture for further reading:

Luke 13:1-4; Psalm 1; Hebrews 12:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Questions for Discussion and Reflection

1. Share about a time you experienced pain. How did that season affect your relationship with God?
2. What's behind our desire to know Why we encounter suffering?
3. How does Job's story answer our Why questions?
4. **Do you relate to Job? What about to his friends? What can you learn from them?**
5. Job was angry with God, but God didn't hold that against him. What does that tell you about God? Do you feel the freedom in your relationship with God to express anger and hurt?
6. How does suffering present an opportunity to grow closer to God?

