



September 11th-17th, 2011

Leap of Doubt

How Can a Good God Allow Suffering? |

Doubt is not a bad thing. At least it doesn't have to be. Doubt can lead us to ask great questions and seek great answers. Doubt can drive us closer and deeper into Truth. Doubt can lead us to greater faith. We are taking a leap of doubt, asking some tough questions and seeking solid answers. Let's make this leap of doubt lead us to firm landing on an even more solid faith.

o Sunday 9.11.11		1 Corinthians 13.11-13
o Monday 9.12.11		Hebrews 2.14-18
o Tuesday 9.13.11		James 1.2-18
o Wednesday 9.14.11		Romans 5.1-6
o Thursday 9.15.11		Romans 8.15-39
o Friday 9.16.11		1 Peter 1.6-7
o Saturday 9.17.11		Psalm 13
o Sunday 9.18.11		Acts 2.42-47

As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:

.What does this passage teach me about God? What do I notice? What does it teach me about myself? How does my practice of my faith and my view of the world need to change, according to what I've learned from this passage?

***For further study read chapter 2 in Tim Keller's book *The Reason for God*.**

Discussion Questions

.It has been 10 years since the awful day of September 11, 2001. How has the world, the United States and our community bonding together made a difference in your life?

.How would respond to someone going through a hard time who says "I can't believe in a God who would allow me to suffer?"

.What do you think about the statement that God loves us so much that He allows us to choose Him or not; and that He allows the natural consequences of our life decisions to play out?

.What do you think about the statement "Much of the human heartache and pain in our world is not God's fault? It is the fault of people?"

>>READ>> Romans 8:28

.What does that scripture mean to you? Has pain in your life ever turned out for good? How can you claim this promise in the future if faced with a tragic situation?

.When it is easier to see God's hand- during the crisis and difficulty or after the darkness has passed? What has been true for you? How does looking back give you perspective?

.Does the concept that God suffered help you deal with suffering? Share how you or someone you know has experienced this.

>>READ>> Roman 8:18-21

.How does the Christian belief in the resurrection provide a source for dealing with and understanding suffering?



Share your highs & lows of the day

Read the Scripture in the Bible

Talk about how the verse relates to your highs & lows

Pray about your highs & lows, family, world

Bless one another

Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday _____ Romans 5.3-4

Thursday _____ Ecclesiastes 7.15

Monday _____ Psalm 86.15

Friday _____ 2 Corinthians 1.8-9

Tuesday _____ Isaiah 53.5

Saturday _____ Romans 12.15

Wednesday _____ Romans 8.28

Blessing: May you turn to God for comfort and hope in hard times.

