

Bible Summary

James 1:12-18

Sin Babies

A giant question for all believers is how can a good God allow bad evil actions to take place. James brilliantly addresses this in chapter one. He definitively states the goodness and perfection of God while dissecting the anatomy of temptation, sin, and death. He pragmatically paints theodicy (good God and evil actions) as two distinct non overlapping ideas.

Scriptures— James 1:12-18; Hebrews 11:25; Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 2:7-10, 6:12; Psalm 27:4, 90:17

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. What are some warning signs that we are being lured by the enemy?
 - a. Have you identified your lures? What are they?
 - b. How can we prepare ourselves to recognize Satan's hook?
3. "Evil has a terminal disease called redemption." Discuss.
4. Share about a time you blamed God for the bad things in your life. What did you learn about the character and heart of God?
5. Why does a good and perfect God allow evil?
6. Discuss this quote: "Religious people find Jesus useful; transformed believers find Him beautiful."
7. This week, how can we encourage each other to find Jesus beautiful?

"Getting to know you" Questions

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. Have you seen any victories?
3. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
4. What is one thing you are looking forward to?