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Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

John 9:1-3

I. Trials in Life are Inevitable (vv. 1-2)

A. Don't be _____ (1 Pet. 4:12)

B. Don't make _____ (Gen. 25:22-26;
Ex. 20:5; 34:7; Deut. 24:16; Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 5:3-5)

II. Trials in Life are for Your Good (v. 3)

A. Trust God that your trial was _____ (Gen. 50:19-20;
Rom. 8:28-29)

B. Praise God that your trial has a _____ (Lk. 13:1-5;
Jms. 1:2-4)

C. Ask God to show you how your trial can lead to _____
(Job 42:1-6)

TAKE HOME

- How do you _____ when you face trials in your life?
- Have you _____ to see trials as God's tool for good?
- Are the _____ of God being displayed in your trials?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 9:1-2. Do you ever pass by people and not really see them? Why do you think this is?

2. Read 1 Peter 4:12. Are you still surprised when you go through trials? If so why? How can we learn to expect trials without living a cynical or morbid life?

3. Read Exodus 20:5 and 34:7 How do people get these verses confused? Now read Deuteronomy 24:16 and Ezekiel 18:20 How do these passages bring clarity?

4. Read John 9:3. What is Jesus’ answer for why this man was blind? How can Genesis 50:19-20 and Romans 8:28-29 help us have a better perspective?

5. Read Luke 13:1-5. How does this encourage us to repent? Read James 1:2-4. How does this encourage us to rejoice ?

6. Read Job 42:1-6. How can your trials lead you to praise God? How do you think God wants to use this story about a man born blind in your life?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges or encourages you the most? Why? How will you handle the trials God gives you this week?

*“He has chosen not to heal me, but to hold me.
The more intense the pain, the closer His embrace.”*

- Joni Eareckson Tada, *A Place of Healing*