

Sermon Notes

The Problem of Evil

Sermon Series - Wk 3 - Why So Much Evil?

Week 1: God gives us the gift of will to either follow his goodness or pursue our evil.

Week 2: The dominion of image bearers link them as the primary source of natural evil. There are also spiritual beings who are a secondary source. However, God uses natural calamities as just judgements on evil.

Why is there the Amount of Evil there is?

Abhorrent Evil: God could have created a world with less or no evil at all, instead there is unnecessary suffering that occurs.

The Best of Possible Worlds hypothesis argues that this world is the best possible world that God could create.

There could always be a less evil, and more good.

There is a greater world ahead that God will create.

Scripture Reference: Revelation 21:3-4

In this world, why is there the amount of evil there is?

Scripture Reference: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7

God is restraining the amount of evil there is, but will release it one day.

Scripture Reference: Matthew 24:21-22

The Lord is calling his Church to stand as a beacon of God's goodness in this present evil.

Challenge:

This week, seek the Lord and ask yourself, does my life reflect a beacon of Christ's goodness in the midst of the evil that is in the world? Seek the Holy Spirit to reveal one area of your life that needs to shine greater.