SERIES TITLE

You Asked For It

SERIES SUMMARY

Most of us have at least one. It's that one question that comes to mind whenever people talk about God or faith or church. That question that makes us unsure of God and if believing in Him makes any sense at all. We might not have all the answers but we want to talk about it.

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If God Is Good Then

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Mike Breaux addresses why there is evil and suffering despite God's goodness. Breaux uses biblical examples to explain that the cross reveals the depth of human sin and God's love, assuring that God is good and present in our lives despite suffering. The message emphasizes hope and peace in God's promise of a future without evil or pain for those who trust in Him.

ICE BREAKER

Share what type of situations creates an feeling of unfairness or injustice?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think bad things happen to good people, and how does the cross help us understand this?

Application Question: How can remembering the message of the cross help you deal with the unfairness in your own life?

2. How can disappointment with God occur, and how can we cope with it?

Application Question: Have you experienced disappointment with God? How did you cope with it, and how can you help others with similar struggles?

3. Read <u>Habakkuk 1:13</u>, <u>Jeremiah 12:1</u>, <u>Job 21:6-7,13</u>. How do biblical characters like Habakkuk, Jeremiah, and Job offer insight into questioning God's fairness?

Application Question: Can you recall a personal experience of questioning God's fairness? How did you resolve this internal conflict?

4. How can we find hope and peace in the midst of an unfair world?

Application Question: What are some practical ways you can remind yourself of God's presence and love during difficult times?

5. Read <u>John 10:18</u> and <u>John 3:16</u>. What is the significance of the cross and the empty tomb in understanding God's promise for the future?

Application Question: How can this eternal perspective impact your actions and attitude towards current hardships and injustices in your life?

PRAYER + WRAP UP

- Ask God to help us recognize and appreciate the blessings and goodness in our own lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering.
- Pray for those who are currently experiencing hardships and questioning God's goodness, that they may find comfort and hope in His love.
- Ask God to help us trust in His character and find strength to persevere in the face of unfairness and suffering.