

For reflection and discussion

1. If you could ask God one question, what would it be?
2. What explanation(s) have you considered for the reality of evil in our world? Do the answers from reason and logic satisfy you?
3. Is the story of Job helpful in answering questions about suffering and God, or does it just raise more questions?
4. How have you dealt with suffering and tragedy in your life? Are you able to trust in a God who says, *Come to me all you who are burdened and I will give you rest?*

The God Questions Series

April 15	Is the Bible true and can I trust what it says?
April 22	Why do you allow suffering?
April 29	Is Jesus really your Son?
May 6	Do all roads lead to you?

Resources worth checking

Lee Strobel has authored a number of books that deal with these kinds of issues. His books include, *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for a Creator*. You can find out more (and read articles and watch some video clips of him and others discussing these issues) at www.leestrobel.com

Another book worth checking is *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell.

A DVD resource that is helpful is *Jesus: Fact or Fiction?*
www.JesusFactOrFiction.com

God Questions: Why do you allow suffering?

Pastor Alan Robinson, April 22, 2007
(God Questions, Part 2)

Theodicy

“Theos” meaning God
“Dike” meaning justice

What is the question?

If God is _____ and _____
_____ and _____
why is there suffering in the world?

A two-out-of-three God

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

“Logical” explanations for suffering

Unnatural suffering...

Natural suffering...

The story of Job (church Bible page 359)

Prologue chapters 1 and 2
Dialogue – chapters 3 – 42:6
Epilogue - chapter 42:7-17

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.
Job 1:1

1. God _____

2. God _____

3. God’s _____

4. Suffering will _____
