**If God is Good, Then Why is There Evil and Suffering?**

1. How do you usually view God when evil and suffering happens? Do you tend to question him or turn to him?
2. Read Romans 3:5. What characteristics of God don’t require evil and suffering for us to see them? What characteristics of God *are* revealed with the presence of evil and suffering?
3. Romans 8:28-29. Looking at this passage, what is one of God’s greatest priorities for us as humans? What role does evil and suffering play in accomplishing those purposes?
4. How does looking “backward” help us understand God’s heart regarding evil and suffering? How does looking forward help us make light of the evil and suffering we face? Close by reading Romans 8:18 and 2 Corinthians 4:17.