

## When & Why Bible Study – Week 6

Read Chapter 4 of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, and answer these questions:

1. What does Kushner say was the point of biblical miracle stories?
2. Kushner says that we can find proof of God in the fact that the laws of nature don't change. Give an example of a law of nature that makes life livable on the one hand but also results in suffering.
3. Why does Kushner consider insurance companies calling natural disasters "acts of God" an example of taking the Lord's name in vain? What does Kushner say is truly an "act of God"?
4. What does Kushner say is the purpose of pain?
5. What does Kushner say makes humans different from other animals with regard to pain? Do you agree?
6. Kushner writes, "It is the result, not the cause, of pain that makes some experiences of pain meaningful and others empty and destructive." What do you think he meant by that?

