

When & Why Bible Study – Week 7

Read Chapter 5 of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, and answer these questions:

1. What does Kushner say is one of the most important things that any religion can teach us?
2. Explain what Kushner says about the “us” and “our” in Genesis 1:26: “Then God said, ‘Let **us** make humankind in **our** image...’”?
3. Name one way you think humans are like animals.
4. Name one way you think humans are like God.
5. What were you taught about the meaning of the story of Adam, Eve, and the forbidden fruit?
6. What does Kushner say makes humans unique in the world of living creatures?
7. Kushner does not consider the “punishments” of Adam and Eve as actual punishments. What does he think they are instead?
8. What does Kushner say is the result of us, as humans, knowing that our time is limited?

9. What does Kushner say it means to be made in the image of God? What do **you** think it means to be made in the image of God?

10. How does Kushner say God limits Godself?

11. What is one reason Kushner gives for why bad things happen to good people?

12. Where does Kushner say God was when the Holocaust was going on?

13. Why do you think God gave humans free will?