

When & Why Bible Study – Week 8

Read Chapter 6 of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, and answer these questions:

1. Name one way a person can hurt him/herself after he/she is hurt by life.
2. Kushner writes that a suffering person's question, "Why is God doing this to me?" is not a theological question. What does he say it is instead?
3. Kushner names several things someone should *not* say to a person who is grieving or otherwise hurt by life. Which one do you think is the worst thing you can say? Why?
4. Name one of the two things Job's friends did correctly when faced with their friend's suffering.
5. Kushner names two reasons why people are "ready to feel guilt". Name one.
6. What does Kushner say is an appropriate reason for someone to feel guilt?
7. Kushner writes that "the goal of religion should be to help us feel good about ourselves when we have made honest and reasonable, but sometimes painful, choices about our lives." Do you agree? Why/why not?
8. Name two of the four ways people direct their anger after a tragedy.
9. How did Kushner define depression?

10. Have you ever felt angry at God? Share your story if you are comfortable doing so.

11. What does Kushner say is the best thing someone can do with his/her anger after he/she has been hurt?

12. What does Kushner say is the danger of jealousy?

13. Kushner states that his ministry became more effective when people learned about his son's prognosis. What changed?