

When & Why Bible Study – Week 9

Read Chapter 7 of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, and answer these questions:

1. Why does Kushner think that praying for someone's health or for a surgery to go well should disturb a thoughtful person?
2. Kushner states that there are several problematic answers people give when someone asks, "Why didn't I get what I prayed for." Which one of the ones he lists do you feel does the most damage? Why?
3. Kushner lists four things we shouldn't pray for. Name two.
4. Why do you think we shouldn't pray for God to do something that is in our power?
5. Kushner states his firm belief that knowing that people care can affect the course of a person's health. Have you seen evidence of this? What happened?
6. What does Kushner say prayer does if it is offered in the right way?
7. Kushner discusses two prayers Jacob prayed twenty years apart. Which does Kushner think is the better prayer? Name one reason you think Kushner feels this way.
8. Why does Kushner think sick children should pray?
9. Kushner gives several examples of prayer being answered. Name one. Do you agree that this is an "answer to prayer"?