**Why Doesn’t God Do Something About Evil?**

**Big Idea**: Considering two of humanity’s most troubling questions about suffering and evil in light of the Bible’s teaching will help us understand God’s role in our world and in our own lives.

**I. Why do i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people suffer?**

A) A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the kind of evil to identify the source

1. M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evil—*Genesis 4:2b-10*

2. N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ evil—*Isaiah 24:5-6a*

B) A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that good can come from suffering

 *Romans 8:28; Romans 5:3*

**II. Why doesn’t God d\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about evil?**

A) Richard Dawkins: suffering/evil are no s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if no God

B) C.S. Lewis: outrage at suffering/evil helps p\_\_\_\_\_ there is a God

C) The Bible: suffering/evil result from God’s gift of f\_\_\_\_\_-w\_\_\_\_

1. God created the u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without evil and suffering

 *Genesis 1:31a*

2. God created p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ human beings *Genesis 1:26a*

3. God created humans with a complete ability to f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between staying in harmony with God or rejecting him.

4. Humankind freely chose to t\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God

 *Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6 & 22-23; Psalm 14:1-3*

5. Evil and suffering entered the world as a result of that s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God. *Romans 5:12*