

Having Answers Pt 1: “How Can God Claim To Be Good?”

Introduction: _____

Our World in the 20th Century:

_____ wartime casualties in the 20th century alone

_____ each year in the USA alone

Since Roe vs Wade in the USA _____

Global abortions since 1980 _____ as of Friday Morning

Globally _____ of all pregnancies end in abortion

In 2018 _____ people died from some form of cancer.

795 million people in the world live in what is considered starvation situations.

Malnutrition is the cause of _____ in children under 5 (_____ children per year)

Today _____ of marriages end in divorce (_____ increase from 1960)

Our question for today... “How could I believe in a God that would allow so much pain and suffering?”

1 Peter 3:15 *but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. (HCSB)*

1 - Whats are the claims that are being made...?

A - “How could I believe in a God that would allow so much pain and suffering?”

The first step: listen to the language being used by the person asking the question _____

What are they actually asking or claiming. _____

2 - Don't Answer - Answer Strategy

A - One of our natural tendency to give a direct answer to the question, thinking that it will be enough...

Proverbs 26:4-5 *4 Don't answer a fool according to his foolishness or you'll be like him yourself. 5 Answer a fool according to his foolishness or he'll become wise in his own eyes. (HCSB)* _____

B - "Don't Answer the fool" - This does not mean "ignore their question"

We do not answer on their terms: _____

C - "Answer the fool"

Come at the question on our terms. _____

Rephrase the question, or take the question apart into its components and deal with them individually _____

Practice questions for small groups:

1 - Why should I believe the Bible is Gods word if it was written by men? _____

2 - Why doesn't God answer my prayer? _____

3 - Why are there so many contradictions in the Bible? _____

Remember, have fun this is just practice... *and no biting...*;0)