Sermon Summary: Oct 21, 2018

**Divine Doubts**

**Why Does God Allow Suffering?**

* The existence of suffering is something that troubles us all and makes us doubt God. We question not just the existence of God, but whether God is someone we can trust.
* The problem of suffering is not just a problem for the Christian, it is a problem for everybody and every worldview. However, the Christian faith offers the greatest solution for dealing with the problem.
* God can still be good and allow suffering if that suffering allows a greater good to take place.
  + There are times in our lives when we do get a glimpse into God’s love through our suffering.
    - Story of Joseph
* The story of the Bible helps us to process suffering
  + In the Garden of Eden, we can see that it was never God’s intent that suffering exist.
  + Because He died on a cross, we know that God loves us even in our suffering.
  + Our God can understand us and comfort us in our suffering because He suffered as well.
  + At the end of the story God will put an end to all pain and suffering.
* In the meantime, Christians should follow the example of Jesus…
  + By discipling others into God’s kingdom.
  + By alleviating pain & suffering where we see it.

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